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## *Alma Mater*

O Van Wert High, the school we love,  
Our true devotion we would prove;  
Thy traditions gladly share,  
Thy noble banner proudly bear.  
In our work and in our play  
We'll ever strive to lead the way.  
School we love, on us rely,  
The loyal youth of Van Wert High.

## *Fight Song*

We're loyal to you, Van Wert High;  
We're all staunch and true, Van Wert High;  
We'll back you to stand  
Against the best in the land  
For we know you will win, Van Wert High.  
Rah! Rah!

Go crashing ahead, Van Wert High;  
Go smashing ahead, Van Wert High;  
Our team is our faith protector,  
Our boys will all expect  
A victory from you, Van Wert High.  
Rah! Rah!



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## Mighty Cougars

Here are the mighty *Cougars*,  
 The *Best* team in the Land,  
 Here are the mighty *Cougars*,  
 We sure think *they're* grand,  
 Here are the mighty *Cougars*,  
 They're going to Fight with all their might!  
 Here are the mighty *Cougars*,  
 They're going to *win* this game tonight!

# A Letter to the Students of V.W.H.S.

Dear Students:

As we look back on our past four years we recall many scenes of our high school days. These events bring back the memories of realized hopes and the disappointments we have shared. We have watched each other grow tall and straight, forming the ideals toward which we will always strive.

In 1958 we entered the halls of Van Wert High School very 'green' freshmen. We remember trying to adjust to our new surroundings and in our confusion, making many mistakes.

As Freshmen we thought how long it would

be until we were Seniors, we thought these four years would last forever. But now, as Seniors, we realize how quickly time has passed, and how much more we could have done in that time.

The girls remember G.A.A. initiations. The many different things they were compelled to do are unbelievable. They will probably never forget the paste, tapioca, mud, lipstick and other conglomerations of things that they walked in and had smeared on their faces. After receiving this treatment they went uptown and crawled across Main Street on their hands and knees, singing songs. The next stop was the Y.M.C.A. where they were laughed at by the upperclass boys. Finally they went to the school for the induction ceremony. They had been through the worst and this ceremony was very impressive. After it was over everyone decided it wasn't so bad after all.

We remember the flood. On the night of February 9, 1958, two days of rain and frozen



ground terminated in one of the worst disasters the citizens of Van Wert could remember. It began in the west section of town with water filled streets and drains backing up into basements; and by morning the flooding waters of the creek had moved downtown. It was announced there could be no school; it subsequently remained closed the next four days. Inevitably the mayor called a state of emergency and, though no lives were lost, much property damage resulted. We can all remember the loss to homes on Spencer Drive, tales of people rescued at the last minute; and, in the school, the hump in the gym floor and the girls' gym clothes hung up to dry. Van Wert's flood is something that will long be remembered and talked about as 'the worst flood since 1913.'

Our next year, 1959-60, saw many changes in our attitude. We grew more involved and ever busier in our high school events.

We remember Vocal Varieties. "Some Enchanted Evening" became a reality for some twenty sophomores as they were a part of the a capella choir for the first time. We never will forget "South Pacific" and its Bali Hai and Honey Bun or "Oklahoma" with its chicks and ducks.



Remember the Toledo Tournament? The 1959-60 basketball team had the best season in the history of our school. We had fourteen victories and only three losses. In this wonderful season our team fought their way to the District tournament at Toledo. This was an exciting experience in which the whole student body participated. Several bus loads of students went to the game to back the team. The enthusiasm was something none of us will ever forget.

Another sports event of that year, but one with a different impact, was the Bryan-Van Wert football game. Van Wert, through hard practice and terrific teamwork had had for four years an undefeated football team



which won 46 games. Inevitably the time had to come in which our fortune would turn. Early in the 1960 football season the Cougars met defeat at the hands of the Bryan Golden Bears. Valiantly our team fought, playing their hearts out, but relentlessly time marched on.

1960-61, we agree our Junior year was the best and busiest. We realized that for some of us college was not far off. There were tests to take, choice of college or career to think about, and the task of keeping up our grades.

We remember the science fairs which were interesting to all who went, for the exhibit halls were filled with every conceivable scientific object from tadpoles to model atom smashers.

Our Junior year also brought forth the beginning of the first Junior Achievement Companies here in Van Wert. The purpose of J. A., we learned, was to help teenagers learn how busi-

nesses are established, managed and produce products for sale.

Everything was new to us and we had fun learning. The hardest job was to sell the product. But after seven months we all became expert salesmen and had a preview of the business world.

If 'variety is the spice of life' then the class of 1962 can be said to have this kind of flavor. An abundance of talent was easily found to help produce the various types of plays during our four years.

"Project!" "Speak slower and louder." The famous words of our directors. After late hours of studying and rehearsing our lines, costumes, layers of make-up, back-stage fun and opening night jitters, we have our performance.

Everyone is so excited and nervous—even the stage crew. Then—"get ready—your're on!" The knees shake; but

after people forgetting lines and someone or something falling, the curtains close and we take our final bows. Our most rewarding moment was hearing the applause. Although we were only amateurs, we felt like pros on Broadway.

Some of the wonderful plays we've presented were: "Teahouse of the August Moon," "Harvey," "The Big Fisherman," and "A Man Called Peter."

We had laughs, we had tears, but we always had fun.

We remember our pride and joy—Prom. We had the exciting experience of giving the Seniors a prom which was certainly something to be proud of! The theme, "It's Almost Tomorrow" was carried out beautifully with the "Bridge of Tomorrow" as the center piece.

Now in our final year we begin in real earnest to work towards our life after graduation. The College Boards were an obstacle most of our college bound Seniors had to face. At the end of the three hour examination most of

us were ready to admit that there were a few things we had not yet learned. The next week, however, those who had taken it were more attentive in class (at least for a little while).

"We're with you team, so fight." this is the feeling that some 2000 high school students and adults placed into the hearts of the Van Wert football team at the bonfire the night before the Cold-water game. For just a few hours the players were able to forget about the upcoming battle and appreciate the fine school spirit we have in Van Wert. These boosters' cheers told the boys that the town stood behind them in victory, but also in defeat. At the time no one fully appreciated what the citizens were doing, but as we think about it we are so grateful for that gesture and will never forget it.



Many Seniors will remember this year has been very busy. Those on the Scarlet Quill and Excalibur Staffs will never forget the hurrying to meet deadlines. In between those deadlines and staff meetings we tried to crowd in our homework and spent many sleepless nights after meetings studying for tests.

When the year started we were all very inexperienced about the work that went into organizing a book and paper for publication; but, as the year progressed, we learned and soon knew just what had to be done to make our publications the best.

During our Senior year began the construction of the much needed addition to our high school. We were all interested in its progress, even though we knew our class would graduate before its completion. Who can forget the day they tore up the sidewalks and ripped out the trees and began laying out the foundation? The constant pounding and clanging was a sound we knew we would have to get used to. Even in the worst of weather the building continued, the girders are going up at this writing and the contractor has assured us everything will be completed by next September. Thus, we are the last class to graduate from the high school as it is now standing.

We have witnessed a closer knitting of class spirit and unity of purpose develop through the years and now regret seeing everyone scatter. As we grow older the memory of high school will slowly fade; its importance will be replaced by other things such as college, careers, and later on, families, but the time we have spent in the halls of Van Wert High School will always hold a corner in our hearts.

As you look through this book we hope you will remember some of the things we have cited and can benefit from our memories, failures and achievements.







May 29, 1962

Dear Students,

As we leave the halls of Van Wert High School, we are filled with memories of our past four years, of our accomplishments great and small, and of the many daily happenings; little things which come to mind at the mention of our high school days. Some things that we will remember most are all the football and basketball games, homecoming, Prom, band and choir contests, parties and dances. Also we remember the smaller and more humorous things; for example, our talks in the back of study hall, our ingenious methods of skipping classes, our autograph on the water tower, dumping purses, ball practice, Mrs. Jarvis' spittoon, Beverly Gilleland's jokes, card games, bonfires and junior achievement companies. These are just a few of the events we remember, but there are many more are dear to all.

Sincerely,  
Linda Mason, Sec.



Vice-President—Phil Giessler  
Treasurer—Janice Sherburn

President—Tom Poling  
Secretary—Linda Mason



ADAMS, PAT  
AGLER, DAN  
AGLER, FRANK

AGLER, DAVID

AGLER, ED



## As Seniors

we gain  
new knowledge...



ALDRICH, BARBARA  
ANTUS, RICHARD  
ASHBAUGH, DEBBIE

ASHBAUGH, GAYLE

BAGLEY, CONNIE





BATES, TERRY



BECKLER, BARBARA



BELL, JIM  
BLACKMORE, PHYLLIS  
BLAKE, BARBARA



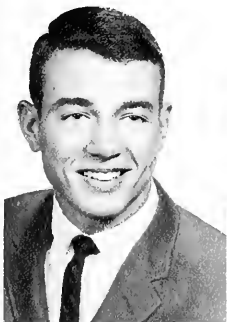
... and learn  
new skills.



COBB, STEVE

CHAVARRIA, JOHN

BROWN, CARL  
BROWN, PAUL  
BUSCH, CHARLES





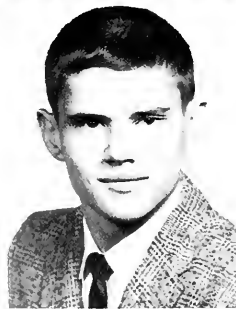
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CUSTER, TERRY

DAVIS, JACK

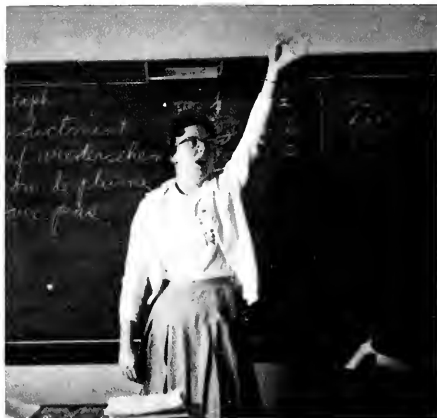
CROSLEY, MARY

DeVOGEL, GERN



## As Seniors

we learn to express  
our ideas . . .



DOWLER, LARRY

DOYLE, KATHLEEN

DuCHENEY, DONNA

DuVALL, SUE

EALY, BILL





EDWARDS, ELLEN



ELDER, MARY ANN



ELLERBROCK, DENNIS



EMERY, JIM

FAILS, JIM



FREE, JACK



FOSS, BEVERLY



FAWCETT, DENNIS

FERRELL, JIM

FLESHER, CONNIE



...and broaden our  
understanding of others.





GAMBLE, TRINA

GEISMAN, PAT

GEISSLER, PHIL

GEHRES, DAVID

GILLILAND, BEVERLY



## *As Seniors*

we delve into new  
worlds of thoughts...



GILLILAND, PAUL

GREEN, BOB

GRIBLER, JUDY

GUNSETT, DAVID

HAMMOND, GARY







HARTMAN, RON



HEDGES, NANCY



HENKLE, SANDRA



HERMINGHUYSEN, STEVE

HIGH, CHERI



...and help each other  
appreciate them.

KEITH, BILL

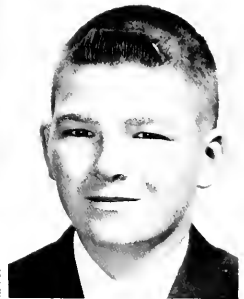
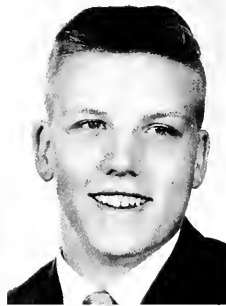
KANABLE, CAROL

HIPSLEY, KAREN

HURLEY, ROY

JONES, MORGAN





KEPHART, PENNY  
KLAUSING, GALE  
KRUGH, BOB

KNODEL, MIKE

KOHLER, MIKE



## As Seniors

we learn to  
work with others ...



KUCKEIN, BARBARA  
LALONDE, MARY  
LEITER, LINDA

LEONARD, BOB

LIANEZ, DAVE





LODGE, ANDREA



LONGWELL, FRANK

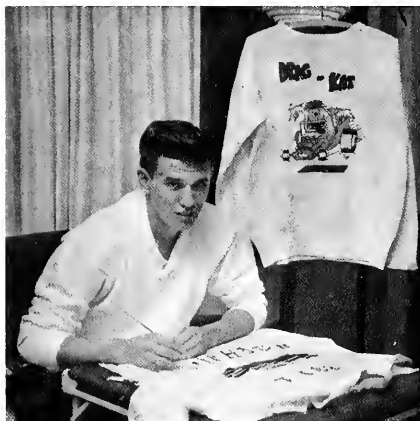


LOUTH, KRISTI



LUCE, SUSAN

MCCOY, JOE



...as we develop new  
interests on our own.



MCKEDDIE, SANDRA

MCLEAN, LINDA

MCMICHAEL, BARBARA



MCNALL, FLORENCE

MCMICHAEL, CAROLE





MARSH, MARGO  
MARTIN, MIKE  
METZ, LARRY

MASON, LINDA

MATTHEWS, ROY



## *As Seniors*

we discover the  
value of companionship

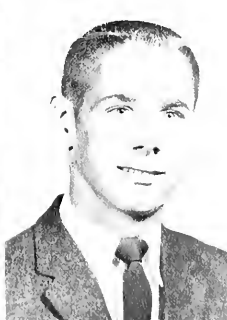


MILLER, GLENN  
MILLER, JIM  
MILLER, RICHARD



MYERS, BETTY

NEIFORD, JUDY





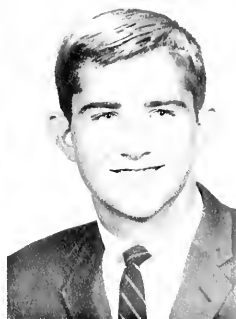
NIHISER, JERRY



PENNELL, ANN



PENNELL, MOLLY



POLING, TOM

PRESLER, LAWRENCE



...and the importance  
of relaxing alone.



PROFFITT, LANA

PURMORT, JOHN

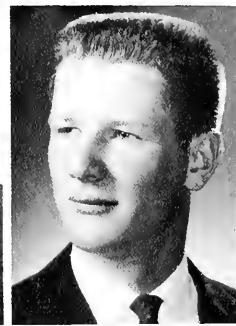
ROBERTS, RON



SECAUR, KAREN



SCHAADT, KAY





SENNEBOGEN, BARBARA

SHERBURN, JANICE

SHOCK, BILL

SHACKLEY, MARY ANN

SHOWALTER, JIM



## As Seniors

we draw  
closer together...



SIDLE, LOREN

SMITH, CONNIE

SMITH, JACK

SMITH, STEVE

SMITLEY, BECKY





SPEAKMAN, KAREN



SPEARMAN, SHARON



STANLEY, MIKE



STEGAMAN, DIANNA

STEINMETZ, MICHELLE



...as we realize that  
we will soon be parting.



STENGER, KAREN

STERRETT, SANDRA

STRALEY, JIM



TERRY, CAROL



SWITZER, JIM





THATCHER, CHARLES

TODD, BOB

TOMCZAK, KAREN

THOMAS, SALLY

UNCAPHER, PETE



## *As Seniors*

we wonder  
about the future...



VAN METRE, MAX

WAGONROD, RICK

WALTERS, RON

WHITE, STEVE

WIEDENMANN, SUSAN







WIERWILLE, MARY



WILLIMAN, KAY



WISE, KAREN

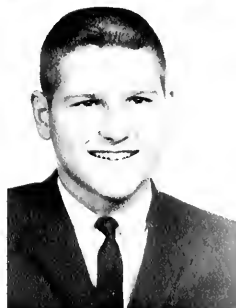


WITTEN, ALAN

WORTMAN, MERLE



...as in leaving,  
we remember the past.



WYANDT, STEVE

YOUNG, JULIA

ZEILKE, SHARON



DETTROW, LOUISE





**BEST FIGURE AND PHYSIQUE**  
Linda Mason and Ron Walters

*Senior*

*For*



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
Mary Ann Shackley and Alan Witten



**BEST DANCERS**  
Karen Tomczak and Allen Crosby



**MOST COURTEOUS**  
Molly Pennell and Mike Knodel



**BEST DRESSED**  
Connie Bagley and Paul Gilliland

# Review

“62”



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Sandy McKeddie and Gary Hammond



**BEST PERSONALITY**  
Mary Wierwille and Phil Giessler



**MOST STUDIOUS**  
Susan Wiedenmann and Charles Busch



**WITTIEST**  
Beverly Gilliland and Jack Davis



**MOST DEPENDABLE**  
Ann Pennell and John Chavarria

# Baccalaureate,

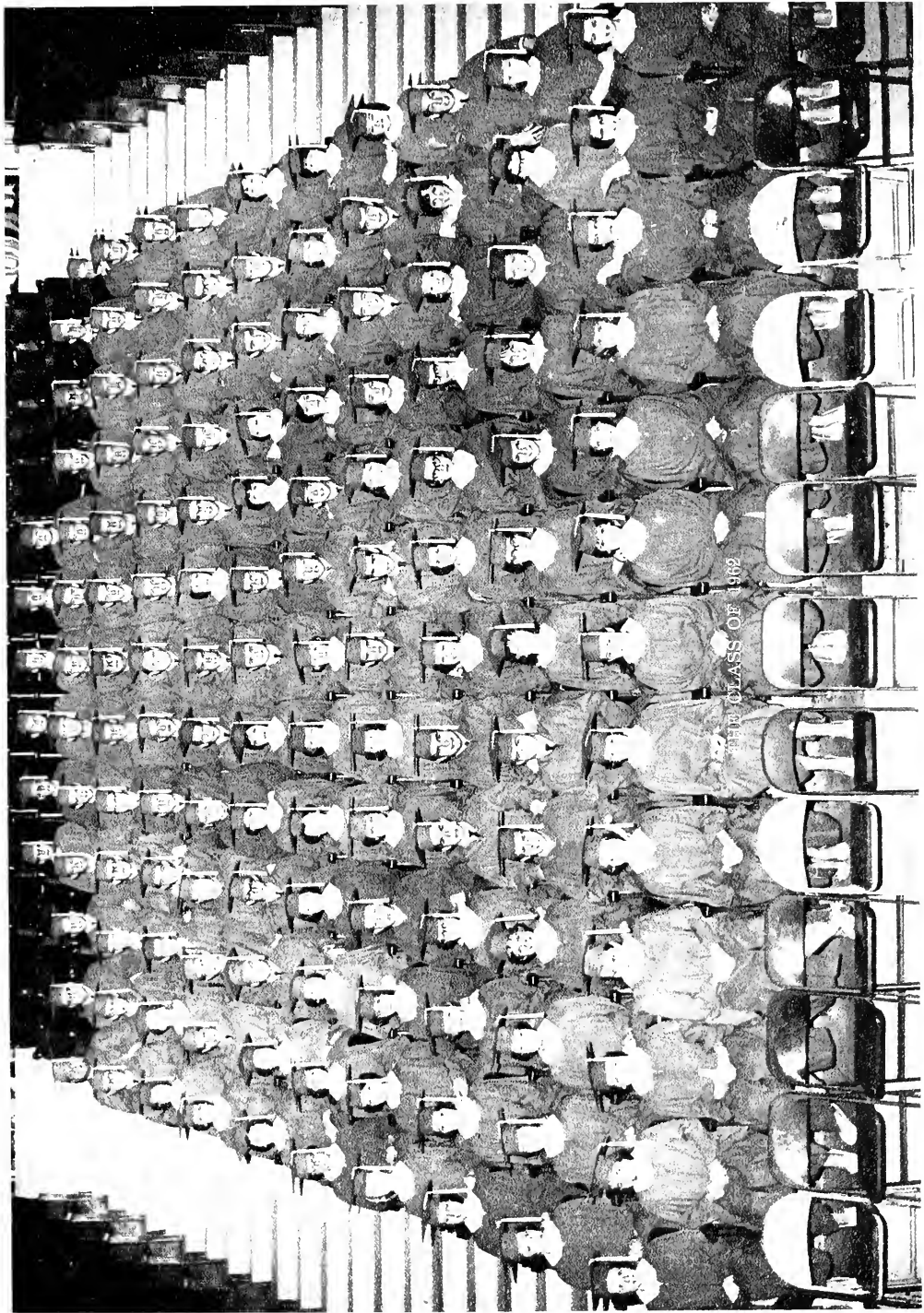
Sunday, May 27, 1962

The end of formal schooling for many Seniors is marked by the High School Graduation Exercises. The Baccalaureate Service, traditionally held in the Stadium, was driven inside this year because of bad weather. Rev. Robert McCachran from the First Presbyterian Church gave the sermon entitled "One Life to Give." The Acapella Choir sang two selections, "The Creation" and "Psalm 150." The processional and recessional were very beautifully played by Brenda Cowan.

The Colors chosen by the class were Blue and White; the Flower, the Blue Larkspur; and the Motto,

"Though time will destroy us,  
our accomplishments will endure."





HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1992



## Commencement, Tuesday, May 29, 1962.

The day that one hundred and thirty-nine students had looked forward to for twelve years finally arrived on May 29, 1962. All heads were turned skyward, and eager, but soon disappointed faces scanned the sky hoping that rain would not come until the Graduation Ceremonies were concluded. Unfortunately Mr. Weatherman did not hear their pleading for in the late afternoon rain fell driving Commencement inside and making this class the first one to hold both the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises indoors.

At 6:30 in the evening Dr. James L. Doenges from Anderson, Indiana, addressed the class, and the Board of Education presented the diplomas.





Susan Wiedenmann and Alan Witten were presented the American Legion awards for outstanding seniors.



The Pi Rho Zeta Sorority awarded a trophy to Betty Myers as Debater of the year.

## Senior Awards



Dave Gehres received an award from the American Chemical Society.



A special award presented by Black, Inc. went to Mary Ann Shackley as Van Wert County Junior Citizen of the Year.

Florence McNall received the Betty Crocker Homemaker Award.



Susan Wiedenmann was given the Six-Thirty Club scholarship for nursing.

For placing high in the county, Carol Terry was presented the DAR Good Citizenship Award.







Our representatives to Boy's State were Charles Thatcher, Tom Poling, and Steve Wyandt.

Carol Terry and Florence McNall were our representatives to the D.A.R.



Phil Giessler was our representative to the United Nations.

Ann Pennell, Penny Kephart, and Mary Ann Shackley represented our school at Girl's State.





Andrea Lodge and Charles Busch received Admission with Distinction to Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.



Alan Witten was chosen by the Senior Class, in cooperation with the Scarlet Quill, as the Senior Citizen of the Year.



The Favorite Teacher Award, a gift certificate for film strips to be used in the social studies department, was presented to Mr. Coon by Molly Pennell.

Mary Ann Shackley received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Test for her high rating.



As President of the Student Council, Phil Giessler accepted the 1962 Excalibur, which was dedicated to all the students.

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MISCHIEVOUS???

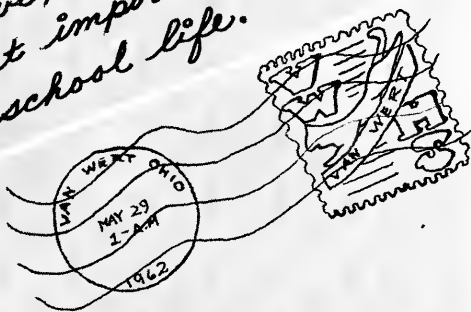
MAGNIFICENT!!!!!!!!!!!!





VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL  
Excalibur Staff

No discussion of school  
life would be complete with-  
out some mention of academics.  
Upon it we build our future.  
Despite the impression that  
the casual observer may  
receive, learning is the  
most important aspect  
of school life.



Academics

# Administration



Mr. Ralph Gallapoo—Advisor



Advisory opinions

The tasks of registration, counseling, and guidance, plus daily routine responsibilities such as checking attendance, taking care of daily announcements, discipline problems, scheduling classes and getting out reports of all descriptions, fall into the capable hands of the people pictured on this page: Mr. Robert Baker, our understanding and energetic principal; his chief office assistants, Alice Ann Shaw and Mary Shackley, and our guidance counselor and friend, Mr. Ralph Gallapoo.

Mr. Robert Baker—Principal



Alice Ann Shaw



Mary Shackley





Mary Ehman



Lavon Terry



Mr. Earl Branfield—Superintendent of Schools

Correlating all school activities is the responsibility of the Van Wert Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Van Wert City Schools. Mr. Branfield, our Superintendent these past two years, has faced during this time the problems every superintendent is confronted with, but has also spent much of his time, assisted by the school board, in expediting the construction of the new school facilities in Van Wert.

Earl W. Branfield, Cyril Bectol, Roy E. Harvey, Orin Deal, William R. Poling, Dr. N. L. Marxen





## Bus Drivers

Patience and an unfailing sense of humor are two of the prerequisites for school bus drivers and Van Wert High is fortunate in having the services of two men who possess these attributes plus an awareness of the responsibility which their jobs entail. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Van Eman performed admirably in compiling their fine record of safety.

## Janitors

A great deal of credit must be extended to our custodians, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wheeler for the fine job they have done in keeping our school shipshape under the most difficult circumstances. Although the construction added immeasurably to their task, these gentlemen have maintained their good humor and high standard of efficiency.





# Administration in Action

The man without a country.



"Happy? Birthday to you,  
Happy? Birthday . . ."



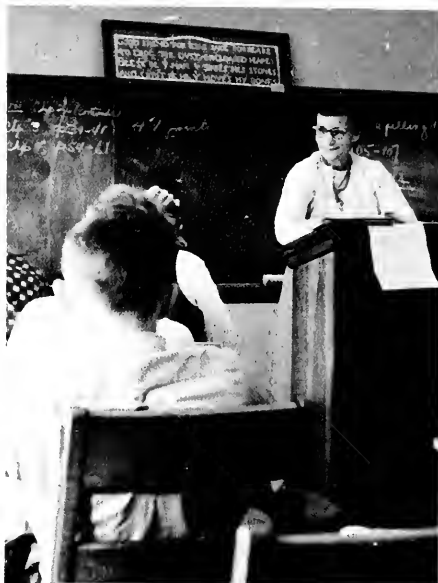
"Boys and girls,  
where are you?"



Miss Lown's Ark: Room 209



The basic principle of  
Mr. Turner's Law.



## Language

Throughout the four years of high school, each student is required to take courses in English. These courses aim to teach the students to speak and write better English.

The Freshmen English classes start with the learning of good grammar usage, sentence structure, theme writing, spelling and vocabulary. This year the Freshmen used the Reader's Digest as a vocabulary guide and aid. Their reading was a composite of world literature.

English II begins with Miss Lown putting emphasis on punctuation and finishing with a study of Shakespeare, the theatre and Julius Caesar. They also study reading techniques.

Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Jarvis have the Junior English classes this year in which they are studying American Literature as a heritage. They are all learning to write perfect paragraphs and better composition.





## Arts

Mrs. Jarvis's Senior English spent the year preparing for college with a study on literature appreciation and comprehension.

Although Latin is said to be a dead language, Mrs. White proved to Latin students that it is not only fascinating, but can also be a great aid in the extension of vocabulary.

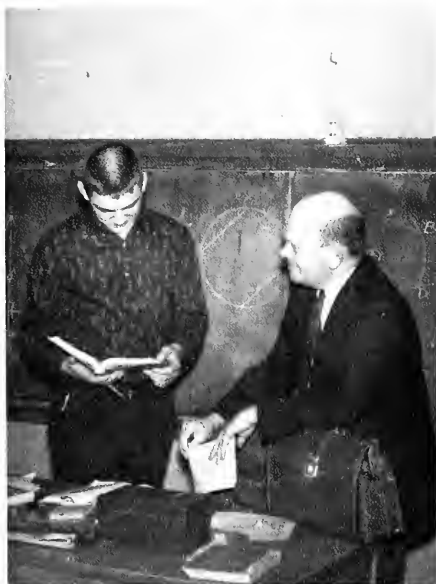
French is a growing language in Van Wert High. There are now three courses of French. Mrs. Brooks starts French I learning the fundamentals and vocabulary. French II is centered around the learning and using of the different tenses of verbs. The advanced group, French III, studies the history of France, art and French literature.





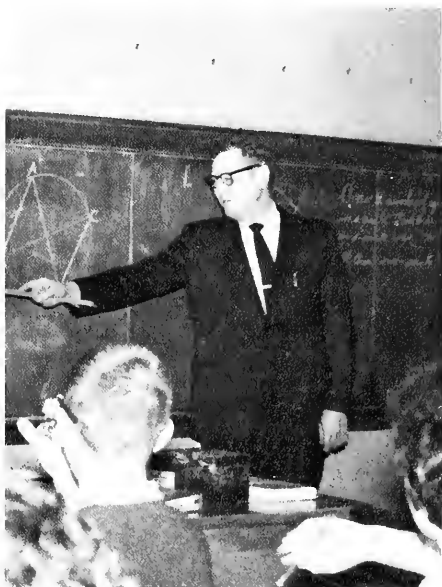
## Science

Determination, accuracy and interest are three of the basic qualities which a math and science student must have in order to secure success. Tomorrow's scientists are being trained in the classrooms today. Our scientific course starts in the Freshman year with a general course of physical and biological sciences, while an informative course in biology is offered the sophomores. The upper classmen further their scientific potentialities by means of a thorough study of Physics and Chemistry. We are led through these different channels by our well qualified teachers: Mr. Kesler, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Turner and Mr. Hablitzel.



## And Math

Van Wert Hi students are the proud possessors of the qualities named above, plus many others which aid them in their pursuits of mathematics. They can often be seen working industriously under the supervision of Miss Stahl, Mr. Smith and Mr. Hablitzel until they have finally arrived at the correct answer to a complicated problem. Mathematics has often been called "The Queen of the Sciences" because it plays such an important part in the work of every science.



## Commercial Courses



Our commercial courses are among the most popular of all the electives. Mr. Katterheinrich and Mr. Bricker have trained and prepared hundreds of Van Wert students to step forth directly into the business world or seek further training at business schools.

D.C.T. assists those students who wish to embark on an on-the-job training course. They go to school half-a-day and work for a cooperating business in the afternoon learning and earning.

# Social Science



From 500,000 B.C. until today 1962 A.D. and into the future, important events have happened and will happen from which we may gain valuable lessons. The social science curriculum provides us with information of these events, so that we may take advantage of the experiences of other civilizations as well as our own in the past. It also gives us a closer insight into today's complex society, the people who inhabit it and how we may extend our American heritage to the whole world.



## Manual Training

Mechanical Drawing, or drafting, taught by Mr. Weaver, is one of our most interesting classes. An overall preparation of mechanical drawing including drafting gives the student help in the architectural planning of their future homes.

Our metal and wood shops are under the guidance of Mr. Manken and Mr. Klutka whose students turn out every year many lovely pieces of furniture and metal pieces. In these projects also it is best to make a plan or working drawing of the article to be made.





## Physical Training

These people are in charge of the physical education program of Van Wert High School. In Miss Sanford's gym classes for girls, which meet twice a week, one period is spent on exercises and the other on such sports as volleyball, basketball, or softball. Mr. Cline's and Mr. Brazen's boy's classes also emphasize physical fitness. The Bongo-board, the jumping rope, and all the running will always be remembered by their students. Mr. Coon continues this program through his voluntary after-school training class for interested boys.





## Fine Arts

One of the most anticipated moments for the student body is the performances by the band and choir. Mr. Hall and the band spend many hours learning the fabulous music we hear at the concerts, contest, assemblies and football games. Mr. Schaufelberger is busy always preparing the choir for concerts, contest and our annual vocal varieties.

Last but not least the art department under the supervision of Mr. Dunn is working diligently to learn the different types of art, making posters, paintings and other beautiful pieces.





## Home Arts

Future homemakers learn many skills which are fascinating and practical. They perfect cooking and sewing talents and pursue the many household arts. Under the instruction of Miss Dorothy Block they study pattern reading and home efficiency methods. They learn to slip cover and refinish furniture and study decorating. They study and prepare foreign and party cooking as well as balanced meals. Every phase of home economics is covered, from budget planning to selective appliance purchasing. They spend a little time on wiring, lighting and fuses and delve deep into the many facets of home planning and management.



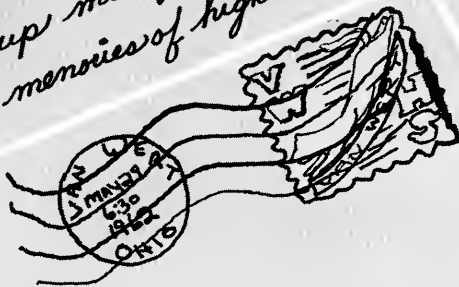
## Library Arts

The high school library, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Cropper, is one of Van Wert High School's most valued assets. Containing approximately three thousand biographies, fiction books, encyclopedias, magazines and pamphlets, it is a constant source of vital information. Through the library students collect knowledge and do research work on every imaginable topic. It is ideally situated and is the center for gatherings at noon or for committee meetings. The Library is a cheerful spot whose helpful librarians and studious atmosphere has enabled everyone to profit by its existence.



Van Wert High School  
Excalibur Staff

this year many exciting activities  
have filled our student life. High  
school would not be complete without  
all these activities, such as chewing  
gum, finding room on the balcony  
and restrooms to move, boys  
congregating in the back of study  
hall, and many more, too  
numerous to mention all these  
make up many of the joys and  
happy memories of high school life.



Student Life



1962 Homecoming Queen

# Homecoming

Homecoming was one of the loveliest nights and most beautiful dances of the year. At the beginning of an exciting game with Wapak, Miss Judith Ann Gribler was crowned 1962 Homecoming Queen by the 1961 Queen, Miss Jean Ann Campton. Queen Judy was presented with her scepter and roses by the co-captains of the football team, Charles Busch and Tom Poling. Queen Judy and her lovely court, Miss Mary Wierwille, Miss Carol Greisinger, Miss Jill McCollum, and Miss Jackie Roberts, presided over the last home football game of the 1961-1962 season.

Following the game, the class officers escorted Queen Judy and her attendants to their thrones in the Lincoln Auditorium where they were welcomed by a fanfare from Ray Giant and his band. There they reigned over the traditional Homecoming Dance which, held every year, highlights the fall season and honors the Queen, her court, and the football team.

The theme, "Moonlight Becomes You," was executed in colors of Midnight Blue and White. Suspended from the false ceiling was a moon and tiny twinkling stars which realistically shed soft moonlight. The Queen and her court received gifts during intermission from the Excalibur staff, which sponsored Homecoming.





Molly Pennell, Assistant Editor  
Mr. Ferrell, Advisor  
Mary Ann Shackley, Editor

Chuck Busch, Sports Editor  
Mary Wierwille, Activities Editor  
Pat Adams, Art Editor  
Karen Tomczak, Assistant Art Editor



Tom Poling, Assistant Photography Editor  
Linda Mason, Photography Editor  
Jim Miller, Photographer

## Excalibur



A large and eager staff under the supervision of advisor, Gordon Ferrell, worked hard against many odds, particularly that of time, to produce an outstanding Excalibur which would be a credit to the Class of 1962. The many hours the 1962 staff devoted to this book are symbolized by the words "See you at the meeting tonight." As these meetings progressed, our yearbook slowly developed into an accurate account of the past years and a collection of our impressions of 1962.

During the year there were many problems of money management which plagued the business staff, while the editorial staff had the problems of drawing up a "dummy," taking pictures, and organizing words into stories for the book.





Sandy McKeddie, Business Manager  
Mike Martin, Assistant Business Manager  
Kay Williman, Business Manager Advertising



Phil Giessler, Assistant Continuity Editor  
Alan Witten, Continuity Editor

## Staff

Some of the projects that the Excalibur Staff have undertaken are the selling of candy bars, Better Bars, and also the beanies and bracelets remaining from former staffs, and, of course, the big project of sponsoring the Homecoming Activities.

As the book grew, the staff devised new and different ideas to incorporate into the pages of this Excalibur. With the fine assistance of the principal and the faculty members, the staff managed to meet the final deadline and to present to the student body the 1962 Excalibur.

Bev Gilliland, Sales Manager  
Susan Luce, Sales Manager





Frank Longwell—Editor-in-Chief  
Miss Lown—Advisor  
Bill Ealy—Circulation Manager



Steve Herminghuysen—Jr. High Editor  
Jim Miller—Photographer  
Bill Shock—Exchange Editor

Jim Fails—Activity Editor  
Denny Fawcett—Sports Editor  
Connie Flesher—Activity Editor

## Scarlet

The 1961-62 Scarlet Quill started a giant and successful snowball rolling with its first issue on November 17. The motto for the year was "Drive! Drive! Drive!" Among the many commendable accomplishments of this organization were a number of subscription sales, a giant page issue for the Christmas holidays, and a press banquet for all members at the end of the year.





Mary Ann Elder—Advertising Editor  
Kay Williman—Business Manager  
Mike Stanley—Circulation Manager



Reporters—Betty Myers, Karen Tomczak, Karen Speakman, Jim Straley, Lawrence Presler, Bob Games, Glenn Miller, Linda Mason, Carol Kanable, Karen Stenger

Frank Longwell—Editor

Typists—Julie Young, Kristi Louth, Donna DuCheney, Janice Sherburn, Trina Gamble, Kathy Doyle, Karen Secaur, Kay Schaadt, Linda Leiter, Debbie Ashbaugh, Dick Miller, Mike Stanley

## Quill

At the Press Banquet members received awards for points accumulated during the year for outstanding work.

Under the watchful eye of Miss Lown, many long hours were put in by Frank Longwell and his staff towards the success of the paper. It was time well spent, for it made this year's Quill the best ever.



Row 1: Judy Dickerhoff.  
 Row 2: G. Klausing, Judy Neiford.  
 Row 3: J. Showalter, E. Edwards, J. Nihiser.  
 Row 4: F. Agler, L. Dowler, R. Matthews, D. Ellerbrock, Mr. Clem.

V. J. C.



The Vocational Industrial Club, better known as Diversified Cooperative Training, trains a student in his chosen field of labor during his Junior and Senior years of High School. It allows these students to attend classes one part of the day and work in their chosen occupation the other part of the day.

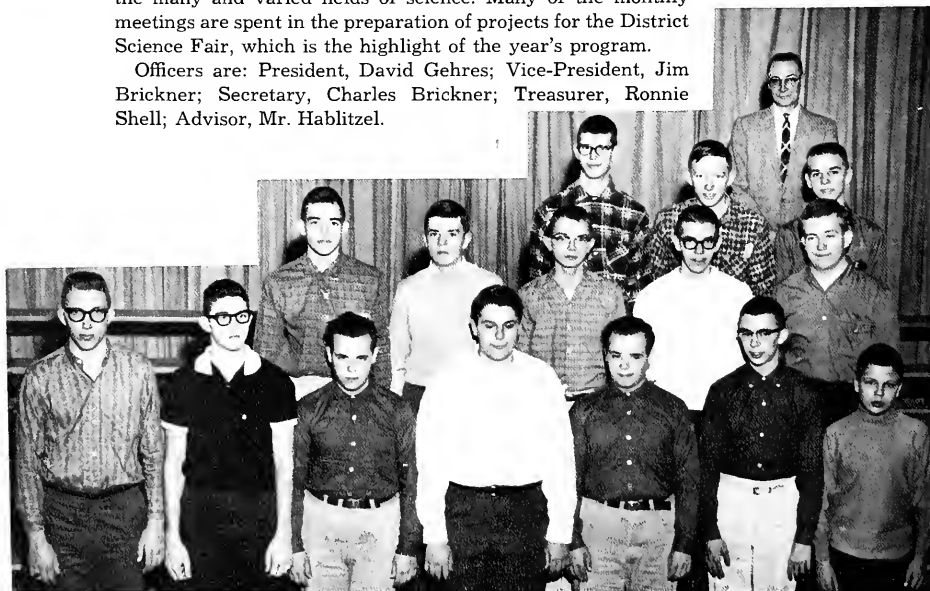
Social events of this Club include: monthly meetings, after-game dances, Employer-Employee Banquet and trips to Columbus to District meetings.

Officers are: President, Gale Klausing; Vice President, Ronnie Roberts; Secretary, Ellen Edwards; Treasurer, Frank Agler; Sergeant-at-arms, Larry Dowler; Reporter, Jerry Nihiser and Advisor, Mr. James Clem.

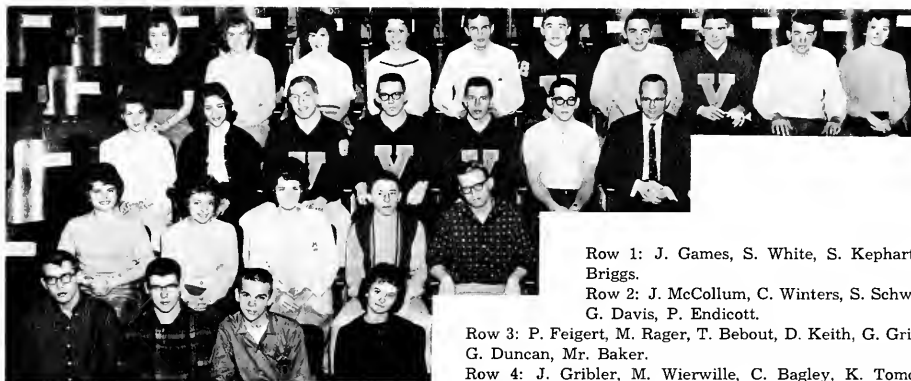
## Science Club

The main goal of the Science Club is to stimulate interest in the many and varied fields of science. Many of the monthly meetings are spent in the preparation of projects for the District Science Fair, which is the highlight of the year's program.

Officers are: President, David Gehres; Vice-President, Jim Brickner; Secretary, Charles Brickner; Treasurer, Ronnie Shell; Advisor, Mr. Hablitzel.



Row 1: S. Smith, R. Shell, C. Brickner, D. Gehres, J. Brickner, D. Poling, T. Compton.  
 Row 2: T. Schultz, J. B. Sampsell, G. Poling, B. Pheneger, B. Bagley.  
 Row 3: R. Grandstaff, A. Poole, S. Kephart.  
 Row 4: Mr. Hablitzel.



Row 1: J. Games, S. White, S. Kephart, K. Briggs.

Row 2: J. McCollum, C. Winters, S. Schwartz, G. Davis, P. Endicott.

Row 3: P. Feigert, M. Rager, T. Bebout, D. Keith, G. Gribler, G. Duncan, Mr. Baker.

Row 4: J. Gribler, M. Wierwille, C. Bagley, K. Tomczak, F. Longwell, P. Giessler, R. Walters, T. Poling, C. Busch, L. Mason.

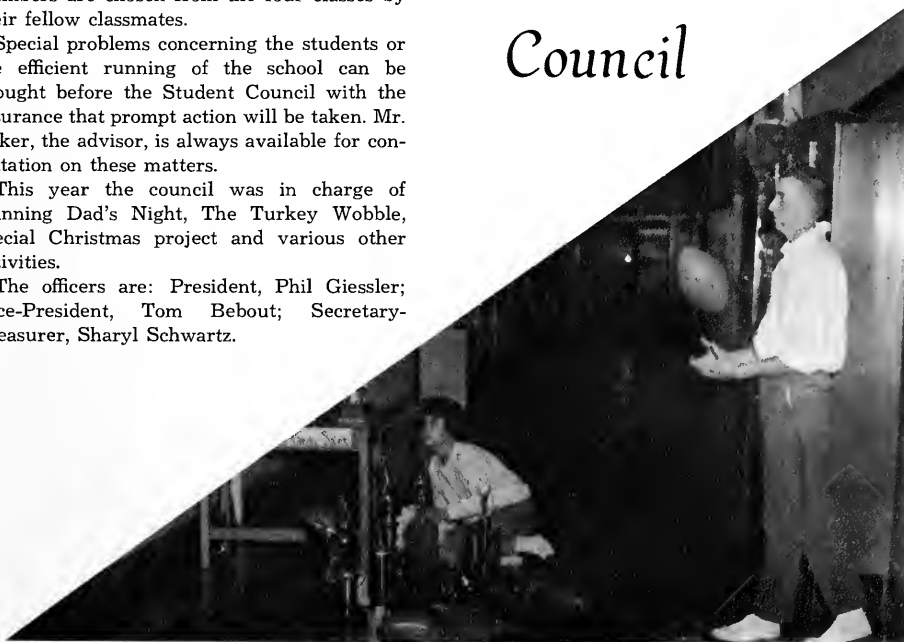
The Student Council is the representative body of the students of Van Wert High School. Members are chosen from the four classes by their fellow classmates.

Special problems concerning the students or the efficient running of the school can be brought before the Student Council with the assurance that prompt action will be taken. Mr. Baker, the advisor, is always available for consultation on these matters.

This year the council was in charge of planning Dad's Night, The Turkey Wobble, special Christmas project and various other activities.

The officers are: President, Phil Giessler; Vice-President, Tom Bebout; Secretary-Treasurer, Sharyl Schwartz.

## Student Council





## *“A Man Called Peter”*

“A Man Called Peter,” written by Catherine Marshall, depicts the true story of a great dedicated minister, an unusual and memorable man, whose inspirational leadership has made its mark on thousands of people. The portion of his life revealed in the play deals with the problems of the young people of his Church and the influence of other members of his congregation. In the play, as in the book, Mrs. Marshall brings forth her husband’s story and the story of their life together. She makes us remember again the great influence Dr. Marshall had on the lives of many people. Everyone associated with the play felt the significance and deep meaning of each word for it held a rare combination of humor with a sincere message—that of faith in God and unselfish Christian charity.





## The Cast

The production of "A Man Called Peter" starred Allan Crosby as Peter Marshall, a dedicated young minister; Ann Pennell as Catherine Marshall, his wife; Tom Compton as Peter John Marshall, their small son; Glenn Miller as Allan Talbot, a young man; Brenda Gilliland as Judith Bickle, his maiden aunt; Susan Poling as Jesse Bickle, her sister; Joyce Purmort as Susan Grant, a confused young girl; Karen Tomczak as Marian Grant, her mother; Gary Duncan as Steven Grant, Susan's father; Bill Keith as George Yost, who is engaged to Susan; Jim Miller as Joe Keating, an underprivileged youth; Dennis Fawcett as Senator Polk, a U. S. Senator; Linda Mohr as Nancy Everetts, a high school senior; Susan Taylor as Barbara Logan, another senior; and Mary Ann Shackley as Hulda, an inefficient housekeeper.



# National Thespians

Row 1: Mr. Waldron.

Row 2: T. Compton, P. Geisman, M. A. Shackley.

Row 3: E. Thomas, J. Purmort, B. Gilliland, L. Mohr.

Row 4: A. Pennell, S. Poling, S. Taylor, K. Tomczak, B. Myers, J. Showalter.

Row 5: G. Duncan, J. Miller, L. Presler, G. Miller, D. Fawcett, A. Crosby, B. Keith.



National Thespians is an honorary Speech organization under the supervision of Mr. Waldron. To be a member a person must receive ten points by either being in a school play or helping on one of the crews.

National Forensic League is a National speech organization. To become a member a student must acquire twenty-five points by entering speech or debate tournaments. Mr. Ferrell is the advisor of this club.



Row 1: A. Witten, J. B. Sampsell, L. Mohr, B. Myers, P. Geisman, A. Crosby, S. Poling, Mr. Ferrell.

Row 2: P. Kanney, P. Fell, D. Dull, F. Sheehan, D. Connors, T. Shultz, M. A. Shackley.

Row 3: S. Burley, N. Good, S. Stump, M. Rager.

Row 4: N. Anderson, S. Taylor, J. Roberts.

Row 5: D. Lianez.

## N. F. L.



Row 1: A. Witten.  
 Row 2: M. Stanley, P. Giessler.  
 Row 3: J. Purmort, L. Presler, B. Leonard.  
 Row 4: S. White, T. Poling, C. Busch, D. Gehres.  
 Row 5: B. Ealy, F. Longwell, B. Shock, J. Fails, J. Ferrell, S. Wyandt.



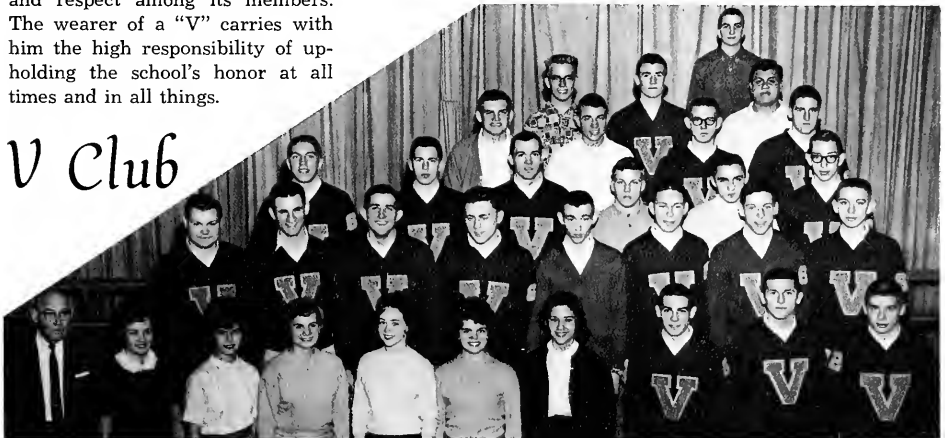
## Junior Rotarians

Each year a select group of senior men are chosen by the Honors Committee to represent our High School at the meetings of the Van Wert Rotary Club. It is the obligation of these fellows to report all upcoming High School events at each weekly meeting which is held at 12:00 noon at Whitehall Inn. Two of these members attend all of the meetings for one month. The Junior Rotarians for the month of February also attend the Rotary Ann Valentine Banquet.

The purpose of the "V" Club is to encourage high standards of sportsmanship and clean living. The "V" Club promotes a feeling of honor and respect among its members. The wearer of a "V" carries with him the high responsibility of upholding the school's honor at all times and in all things.

The officers are president, Gary Hammond; vice-president, Bob Leonard; secretary-treasurer, Jack Davis; and advisor, Mr. Livingston.

## V Club



Row 1: Mr. Livingston, J. Gribler, C. Bagley, M. Wierwille, D. DuCheney, J. McCollum, M. Rager, D. Gunsett, J. Davis, P. Giessler.

Row 2: R. Hartman, T. Geething, T. Poling, L. Mengerink, J. Straley, J. Tindall, B. Leonard, D. Myers.

Row 3: T. Bebout, G. Gribler, J. Ferrell, M. Knodel, R. Walters, R. Pankratz.

Row 4: J. McCoy, C. Busch, D. Keith, T. Ralston.

Row 5: J. Bell, G. Hammond, D. Lianez.

Row 6: D. Fawcett.



Row 1: Miss Lown, C. Flesher, N. Hedges, N. Doner, M. McCracken, P. Nelson, L. Mason, J. Sherburn, K. Holtkamp, B. Fell, K. Tomczak, B. Lintermoot, S. Terry, P. Feigert, B. Cotterman, Mrs. Cropper.

Row 2: S. Luce, K. Speakman, F. McNall, B. Sennebogen, K. Schaadt, K. Secura, A. Pennel, C. Hirn, K. Stittsworth, D. Wilson, C. Greisinger, B. Cowan, K. Klein, K. Doyle, M. Shackley.

Row 3: M. Wierwille, D. DuCheney, J. Gribler, J. Leiter,

C. Agler, K. Linser, D. Gribler, M. Cryer, C. McMichael, M. A. Makuh, L. Mohr, M. Rager, K. Williman, M. Ries. Row 4: C. Bagley, P. Kephart, P. Adams, T. Gamble, P. Geisman, K. Louth, C. High, L. Harrow, B. Balliet, G. Robey, S. DuVall, L. Leiter, D. Ashbaugh, S. Haller, C. Partin.

Row 5: B. Meyers, J. Geisman, B. Rowland, M. Droll, J. Fox, M. Stemen, M. Marsh, B. McMichael, E. Edwards, S. Henkle.



## Senior Y-Teens

The Senior Y-Teens is an organization that gives Junior and Senior girls the opportunity of becoming better Christian women. During the year, in addition to regular monthly meetings, special projects are completed. These included a bake sale, "The Hanging of the Greens" at Christmas, the sending of favors to Homes for the Aged, a joint Valentines dance and a joint meeting with the Hi-Y.

The officers: President, Molly Pennell; Vice-President, Kathy Holtkamp; Secretary, Janice Sherburn; Treasurer, Bev Fell. The advisors: Miss Lown and Mrs. Cropper.



# Junior Y-Teens



Row 1: Miss Stahl, D. Scerba, J. McCollum, G. Roebke, B. Dasher, L. Loyer, C. Houg, S. Swartz, M. McCachran, J. Richey, K. Elston, S. Taylor, J. Purmort, K. King, Mrs. Brooks.

Row 2: D. Bowersock, C. Winters, J. Walters, K. Parker, D. Allen, K. Briggs, B. Roggenkemper, S. Harrington, B. Cotterman, N. Good, D. Connors, C. Feasby, J. Hall.  
Row 3: S. Poling, J. Droll, L. Rolsten, K. Emery, S. McMillen, S. Prichard, M. Coyle, S. Geisman, J. Huzzar,

D. Sielscott, P. Height, C. Craig, D. Burk, L. Hoffman, A. Harrington, B. Roggenkemper, J. Hooker, M. Hoverman.

Row 4: A. Lake, J. Thatcher, C. Harrington, S. Webster, N. Block, M. Miller, J. Giesey, C. Wehage, B. Russell, S. Mefford, M. Miracle, G. Mosier, J. Mason, J. Firestone, K. Laemmle, L. Knittle, K. Runnion, R. Jones.  
Row 5: P. Warden, J. Branfield, C. Gipe, K. Klutka.

The Junior Y-Teens have sought to combine social living and Christian principles into everyday living. During the year, the Y-Teens have attended an impressive candlelight induction service, a joint meeting with the Junior Hi-Y, a Christmas caroling program, a Mother and Daughter Tea, "Hanging of the Greens," a Y-Teens Spring Dance, and the club joined with the Senior Y-Teens in the sponsoring of the Valentine Dance. The Junior Y-Teens have

had a very enjoyable and worthwhile year due to the enthusiasm of the members and the efforts of our advisors Miss Stahl and Mrs. Brooks.

The officers of the Junior Y-Teens have really been an outstanding group and have carried out their positions with fine leadership. The girls who held these positions were Sharyl Schwartz as president, Marilyn McCachran serving as vice-president, Cheryl Houg, secretary, and Janis Richey, treasurer.

Junior Y-Teens is indeed a vital activity in the school and helps tremendously in promoting leadership ability.





## --Snowball

Going right along with the Christmas festivities this year, was the very beautiful and traditional 1961 "Snowball." The usual Rendezvous Committee was not chosen to take part this year. Instead, four Van Wert High School students were chosen to lead the Snowball Committee. They were Jim Miller and Molly Pennell, seniors; Eric Monce and Jackie Fox, juniors. The theme of this delightful dance was "Sleigh Ride." It was highlighted by a large sleigh accented with cotton, an old wooden fence, and green trees on a silver mural placed in the corner of the dance floor. The colors were carried out in green and white with the glass snowball hanging from the center. The couples danced to the music of Karl Beach. At intermission, Tom Poling, accompanied by his sister Ann, entertained the couples by singing a variety of popular songs.





## Sweetheart Dance

The annual joint Y-Teens Valentine Dance was held February 9, in the high school gym following the last home basketball game.

The dance was entitled "The Sweetheart Dance." The gym decorated with huge hand drawn face cards of the King and Queen of Hearts, and with thrones for the coronation of a king and queen.

During the dance everyone voted for a king and a queen from the Senior class. Phil Geissler and Ann Pennell were chosen. They were crowned by Sharyl Schwartz, President of Junior Y-Teens, and Molly Pennell, President of Senior Y-Teens.

The entertainment was provided by Andrea Lodge who sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," and other selections. She was accompanied by Penny Kephart. The records were spun by John Ridenour.



# Junior-Senior Hi-Y

The Junior-Senior Hi-Y Club is the Y.M.C.A.'s Christian group within our school. This group organized early in the school year. The first step taken was the election of officers. The top executive position was given to Lawrence Presler. Other officers were Dick Jones, who was made Vice-President; Dave Watkins who was selected as the Secretary; Jack Frysinger as Treasurer and Wendall Mathias was made the Chaplain.

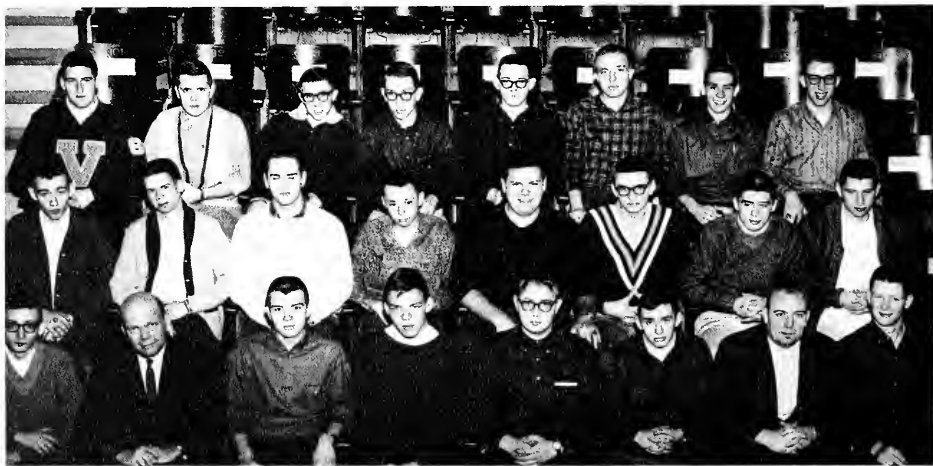


Two of the organizations outstanding projects were selling pop at football games and sponsoring the Green Beetle Basketball team in the Y.M.C.A High School League. One of the Club's annual assignments is to present a Thanksgiving program for the entire school. The big meeting of the year is a joint meeting of the Jr-Sr Hi-Y and the Sr. Y-Teens.

The adult advisors for Hi-Y this year are Mr. Jessup and Mr. Turner.

Row 1: J. Miller, Mr. Turner, J. Frysinger, D. Jones, L. Presler, D. Watkins, Mr. Jessop, J. Purmort.  
Row 2: J. Straley, R. Wagonrod, D. Wilhelm, D. Myers,

C. Langdon, P. Gilliland, P. Giessler, M. Martin.  
Row 3: T. Ralston, B. Games, S. Cobb, R. Pankratz, D. Keith, J. Harvey, D. Gunsett, S. Smith.



# Fresh.-Soph. Hi-Y

Hi-Y is a voluntary club program for boys in the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades of high school, sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association. Its name is a combination of the term "high-school Y.M.C.A." The Hi-Y movement is International in scope, Christian in emphasis, Interdenominational in character and Democratic in practice. Although its main field of action is often in the high-school community, Hi-Y groups may be organized in any setting in which boys of the upper three grades of high school are found—that is—in the church, school, Y.M.C.A. building or neighborhood.

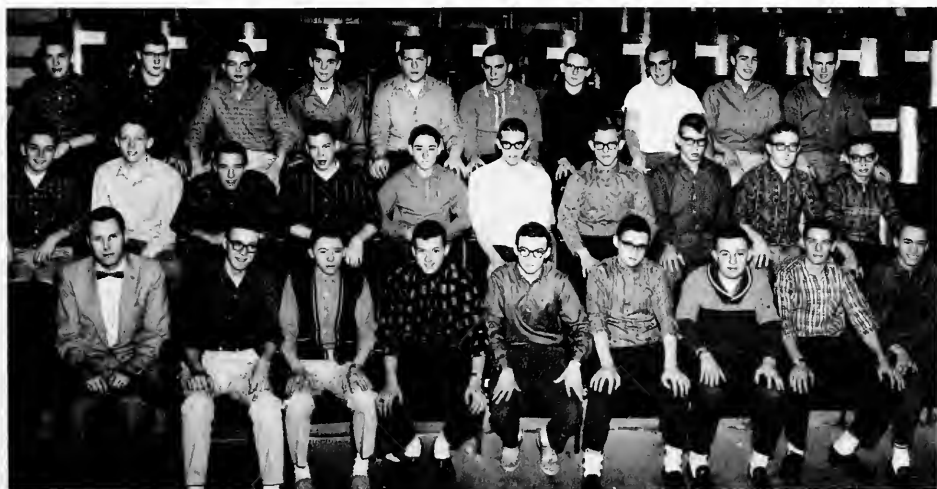
The Hi-Y statement of purpose is: "To create, maintain and extend throughout the school, home and community high standards of living.

The four planks of the Hi-Y program are: clean speech, clean sportsmanship, clean scholarship and clean living.

The Hi-Y Club welcomes into its membership any student who accepts its purpose and is willing to work with others in carrying it out. It encourages members to band together in a definite cause calling for high scholarship, physical health, moral worth and unselfish service. It does not ask: "What church do you attend?" "What is your nationality?" "What is the color of your skin?" Neither does it limit its membership to those who are in the "B" or above scholastic grouping.

Row 1: Mr. Manken, T. Keltner, G. Davis, S. Leiter, S. Coyle, J. Jackson, J. Marshall, C. Booher, G. Crosby.  
Row 2: M. Young, A. Williams, B. Hunsiker, B. Bolinger, J. Pollock, B. Pheneger, L. Miller, J. Games, L. Lynch,

B. DuVall.  
Row 3: T. Smith, S. White, G. Poling, S. Kephart, D. Kyle, T. Johns, B. Hoverman, B. Smith, D. Frysinger, D. Hyre.



Row 1: B. Russell, S. Wheeler, M. Steinmetz, S. Luce, P. Feigert, K. Klein, K. Holtkamp, Mr. Gallapoo.  
 Row 2: A. Pennell, G. Roebke, L. Gipe, S. Terry, M. Pennell, C. Flesher, M. McCachran, D. Stegaman.  
 Row 3: A. Lodge, B. Gilliland, D. Hoffman, L. Mohr, B. Cotterman, M. L. Cryer, M. Shackley.  
 Row 4: L. Mason, L. Harrow, J. Richey, T. Gamble,

D. Scerba, B. Cowan, K. Tomczak, M. A. Makuh.  
 Row 5: S. Wiedemann, M. McVay, J. Sherburn, B. Myers, L. Wiedemann, M. Bate, J. Fox, P. Nelson.  
 Row 6: K. King, C. Terry, J. Branfield, B. Fell, J. A. Baker, C. Kanable, S. Zielke.  
 Row 7: S. White, G. Duncan, C. Thatcher, J. Fails, M. Martin, J. B. Sampsel, B. Games.

## F.T.A.



The F.T.A. is a pre-college, pre-professional organization. Its forty-eight members all derive certain benefits from the club, while it is hoped that they, in turn, will benefit the teaching profession for which they are being prepared. Through our program we seek to enable our members to realize the job opportunities in teaching, to evaluate themselves, and to gain valuable experience through working in classrooms with children. The Van Wert chapter of the F.T.A. is a member in good standing of both the Ohio and National F.T.A. Organizations.

The officers are Steve White, President; Gary Duncan, Vice-president; Billie Cotterman, Secretary; and Lois Wiedemann, Treasurer.

## F.H.A.

The Mary Sawyer Chapter of the F.H.A. gives its services by operating the concession stand at the football games, selling candy, and decorating the halls and doors at Christmas.

The activities of the year include: a get-together picnic, United Nations dinner, ice-skating party, Christmas party, and a Hawaiian Luau in honor of the Senior girls.

The officers are Linda Shimp, President; Sally Thomas, Vice-president; and Karen Hipsley, Secretary-Treasurer.

Row 1: L. Shimp, K. Hipsley, M. J. Crosley, S. Mefford, S. Thomas, Miss Block.  
 Row 2: T. McCoy, J. Baker, K. Teeple, B. Tindall, L. Clay, C. Reed.  
 Row 3: E. Henney, L. Williams, J. Hubert, S. Holtsberry, N. Donnel, P. Rice.  
 Row 4: A. Lake, M. Wolverton, L. Thomas, J. Hurley, L. Gilbert, S. Sterrett.  
 Row 5: C. Dailey, J. Hooker, N. Carter, P. Height, D. Douglas, V. Thatcher.  
 Row 6: A. Cline, B. Balliet, L. Moore, D. Broerman, C. Gipe, K. Myers.





# F.N.A.



Row 1: A. Pennell, M. Stanley, K. Stenger, Mrs. Jarvis.

Row 2: J. McCollum, M. Rager, M. Pennell, K. Doyle.

Row 3: M. A. Shackley, L. Wiedenmann, M. Bate, C. Griesinger.

Row 4: S. McKeddie, G. Robey, S. Wiedenmann, B. Myers.

F.N.A. is a club made up of students sincerely considering the career of nursing. Through field trips to schools of nursing, speakers and volunteer aid work in the summer, the students get an inside view, helping them to make their decisions for their future career. The officers are President, Ann Pennell, Vice President, Mike Stanley, Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Stenger. The capable advisor is Mrs. J. R. Jarvis.



Mrs. Cropper, B. Foss, M. J. Crosley, C. High, B. Balliet, A. Cline.

## Library Assistants



# “An Evening With the Concert Choir”

The Van Wert High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. Larry Shaufelberger, presented “An Evening with the Concert Choir.”

For the first part of the program, the robed choir rendered selections of sacred music.

After a brief intermission, the boys in white dinner jackets and the girls in formals, sang several secular numbers. Included was a solo by Beverlee Fell and a duet by Penny Kephart and Mary Ann Elder.

For the feature attraction, the choir presented Kurt Weill’s folk opera, “Down in the Valley.” The success of the production was evidenced by a full house both nights.

## The Concert

Van Wert’s Alma Mater

Music, Glorious Is Thy Sound

Out of the Depths

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

Jesus Priceless Treasure

Turn Back O Man

Tune Thy Music to Thy Heart

All Through the Night

When Love Is Kind

O Clap Your Hands

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Selections From “Hans Christian Anderson”

Madame Jeanette

# The Folk Opera

Down in the Valley ..... Music by Kurt Weill  
Words by Arnold Sundgaard

## Characters

Brack Weaver ..... Tom Poling  
Jennie Parsons ..... Jackie Fox  
Thomas Bouche ..... David Gunsett or Phil Giessler  
The Leader ..... Eric Monce  
The Preacher ..... Gary Duncan  
Guard ..... Denny Fawcett  
Peters ..... Tom Bebout  
Jennie's Father ..... Tim Rolsten  
First Man ..... Tim Houghe  
Second Man ..... Gary Gribler  
First Woman ..... Mary LaLonde  
Second Woman ..... Sandy McKeddie  
Dance Caller ..... Chuck Busch  
Dancers ..... Beverlee Fell, Karen Stenger,  
Bruce Stevens, Marjorie Ries, Susan Taylor,  
Paul Gilliland, Paul Scaer, Mike Stanley

## and the Choir

Duo-Pianists ..... Brenda Cowan, Penny Kephart  
Directed by ..... Larry W. Schaufelberger



# A Cappella Choir



Row 1: C. Laemmle, M. McCachran, J. Huzzar, S. Henkle, B. Showalter, C. Winters, C. Agler, C. McMichael.

Row 2: J. Geisy, K. King, M. LaLonde, B. Kuckein, D. Ashbaugh, K. Tomczak, J. Fox, B. Gilliland, C. Partin, A. Lodge.

Row 3: S. Taylor, J. Richey, L. Loyer, T. Gamble,

M. Shackley, J. Sherburn, L. Mason, K. Linser, D. DuCheney, C. Bagley.

Row 4: Mr. Schaufelberger, M. Mercer, P. Scaer, G. Zimmerman, M. Stanley, P. Gilliland, A. Williams, J. Ridenour, J. Ferrell.

Row 5: B. Stevens, D. Fawcett, B. Shock, T. Bebout, W. Matthias, R. Fox, B. Pheneger, B. Green, E. Monce.

The choir's first performance was the presentation of a group of religious numbers at the school's Thanksgiving program. This was the first of many programs presented under our new director, Mr. Larry W. Schaufelberger. Our Christmas program was presented on a Fort Wayne television station on Christmas Eve, at our school for the Christmas assembly, and as a concert for the citizens.

After returning from Christmas vacation we began preparation for the district choir contest at Kenton. We then began final rehearsals for our "Evening with the Concert Choir" performances. The two-night concert was divided into three segments; the first secular music, the second popular choir numbers, and the final an operetta, *Down in the Valley*.

Next we turned our attention to preparing our state contest numbers. The choir's final performances were those given at Baccalaureate and Commencement.

Many pleasant experiences were shared by all in the practices, concerts, and contests. From the Seniors goes a great "Thank you" to Mr. Schaufelberger, and wishes for further success to him and his future choirs.



Row 1: S. Wheeler, J. McCollum, B. Cotterman, F. McNall, G. Roebke, J. Gribler, K. Stenger, P. Feigert, B. Cowan.

Row 2: J. Purmort, B. Dasher, S. Poling, M. McCracken, C. Underwood, C. High, K. Secaur, M. Rager, C. Harrington, B. Fell.

Row 3: J. Hall, S. McKeddie, P. Geisman, M. Elder, P.

Kephart, C. Houg, N. Doner, M. Ries, J. Leiter, M. Miller.

Row 4: B. Leonard, C. Busch, T. Poling, R. Shell, K. Harmon, G. Gribler, G. Duncan, J. Diener, D. Gunsett.

Row 5: T. Rolsten, D. Keith, M. Whitacker, J. Harvey, T. Hoghe, B. Hoverman, J. B. Sampsell, B. Jones, P. Giessler.



Mr. Schaufelberger.



T. Poling, A. Lodge, N. Doner, G. Duncan, T. Bebout, J. Purmort, B. Cowan.



Row 1: B. Kuckein, K. Williman, D. Connors.  
 Row 2: G. Duncan, N. Doner, K. Stenger, E. Pugh,  
 S. Swartz, B. Cotterman, L. Kesler, S. Dougal.  
 Row 3: M. Miller, S. Mefford, S. Pritchard, D. Scerba,  
 C. Geisman, C. Myers.  
 Row 4: K. Holtkamp, S. Terry, C. Lehman, L. Conn,

K. Wilhelm, J. Young, B. Cowan, B. Shock, D. Poling,  
 K. Laemmle, B. Dasher.  
 Row 5: G. Harden, B. Stevens, T. Compton, P. Uncap-  
 pher, S. Smith, P. Fell, L. Gipe, E. Rinard.  
 Row 6: G. Miller, G. Zimmerman, A. Crosby, C. Os-  
 walt, J. Brickner, C. Brickner, J. Jackson.



Mr. Hall and Drum Major, Bill Shock.

There were 13 seniors in the class of "62" who were fortunate enough to be members of the Van Wert High School Band. We will leave high school with many fond memories of our time spent in band.

The practices for half time, shows at the football games, rehearsals at the American Legion after football season, the fun at our parties, and the necessary lectures on good conduct will never be forgotten.



Row 1: A. Hablitzel, P. Nelson, K. Klein.  
 Row 2: K. Elston, M. Ries, K. Runnion, D. Dull,  
 J. Baker, B. Fell, S. Burley, J. Fox.  
 Row 3: S. Sterrett, K. King, B. Wilkenson, C. Laemmle.  
 Row 4: J. Stewart, J. Firestone, L. Lee, S. Baldwin,  
 B. Lintermoot, R. Shell, C. Spry, T. Smith, D. Turner,

D. Hawk, D. Hyre, G. Crosby, Mr. Hall.  
 Row 5: K. Sittsworth, J. Myers, S. Burley, K. Myers,  
 F. Longwell, B. Ealy, J. Ridenour, P. Jones, S. White.  
 Row 6: B. Ridenbach, L. Bandy, S. Williman, J. Miller,  
 D. Wilhem, J. Diener.

The most outstanding memory will probably be the disappointment we felt after receiving a II in the District Contest, the first time in several years.

Most of all, the 13 senior band members will feel that we have learned one of the most important facts of life, taking responsibility. All this made the 1961-62 school year very successful for the Van Wert Band.

The band has been under the capable direction of Mr. Jay Hall, outstanding in the field of instrumental music.



Row 1: M. A. Miller, K. Williman, K. Stenger.  
 Row 2: S. Swartz, P. Nelson, J. Fox, B. Cowan.

# National Honor Society

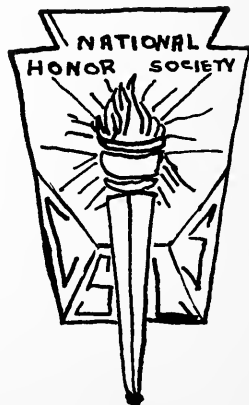


Row 1: P. Kephart, M. Shackley, A. Witten, S. White, C. Busch, F. McNall, A. Pennell, S. Weidenmann.  
Row 2: B. Myers, B. Cotterman, P. Feigert, C. Flesher, J. Sherburn, K. Tomczak, P. Adams, N. Doner, G. Duncan, G. Miller.  
Row 3: L. Presler, P. Herring, B. Fell, C. Terry, D. Gehres, B. Ealy, D. Keith.

The following passage quoted from the Constitution of the National Honor Society best expresses the general aim of the organization:

"The purpose of this organization shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of American secondary schools."

The main objectives of the Van Wert Chapter are to recognize the worth and value to the school of students who possess the qualities of good character, willing service, and wise leadership and to impress upon members of the chapter as well as upon the entire school the fact that honor carries obligations and that unusual ability entails extraordinary responsibility.





# Scholarships Teams



Row 1: A. Harrington, S. Taylor, M. McCachran, L. Harrow, P. Kephart, S. Weidenmann, B. Myers, M. Shackley, C. Flesher, F. McNall, C. Terry, B. Fell, K. Holtkamp.  
 Row 2: L. Mohr, J. Richey, D. Ringwald, L. Kesler, K. Klutka, M. Miller, D. Connors, S. Harrington, L. Loyer, M. L. Hoverman, J. Showalter, M. L. Cryer.

Row 3: B. Ealy, D. Gehres, L. Presler, J. Fails, P. Scaer, D. Poling, G. Poling, T. Compton, S. White, J. Roberts, B. Hoverman, G. Crosby.  
 Row 4: L. Zielke, G. Harden, D. Hinkle, J. B. Sampsell, J. Frysinger, P. Herring, T. Speer, J. Games, D. Jones, D. Keith, R. Walker, A. Poole, T. Schultz.

This group represents the best of Van Wert High School's more academically inclined students. For having ranked in the top three of certain preliminary tests, they may compete in the district finals which this year were held at Defiance.

For about a month, cramming sessions play an important role in the team members' everyday schedule; however, the members will quickly tell you that it isn't "all work and no play."

Biology .....Dale Poling  
 Andrew Poole  
 Thomas Schultz

Gen. Science .....Tom Compton  
 Gary Poling  
 Larry Zielke

Chemistry .....Bob Games  
 Paul Herring  
 J. B. Sampsell

Physics .....Charles Busch  
 David Gerhes  
 Lawrence Presler

Algebra I .....John Games  
 Greg Harden  
 Darlene Ringwald

Algebra II .....Nancy Doner  
 Jack Frysinger  
 David Keith

Plane Geometry .....Gary Crosby  
 Angeline Harrington  
 Bruce Hoverman

American History .....Gary Duncan  
 Lois Harrow  
 Kathy Holtkamp

World History .....Connie Flesher  
 Mary Ann Shackley  
 Roger Walker

Government .....Bill Ealy  
 James Fails  
 Betty Myers

English IX .....Susan Harrington  
 Dennis Henkle  
 Kerry Klutka

English X .....Mary Ann Miller  
 Susan Taylor  
 Cheryl Underwood

English XI .....Richard Jones  
 Linda Mohr  
 Paul Scaer

English XII .....Patricia Adams  
 Florence McNall  
 Steve Wyandt

Latin I .....Dede Connors  
 John Roberts  
 Stuart White

Latin II .....Lynn Loyer  
 Marilyn McCachran  
 Janis Richey

French I .....Mar Lou Cryer  
 Sharon Dougal  
 Beverlee Fell

French II .....Patricia Kephart  
 Carol Terry  
 Susan Wiednmann

Bookkeeping .....Mary Lou Hoverman  
 Jill Showalter  
 Thomas Speer



Row 1: E. Thomas, E. Rohr, K. Klein, B. Thomas, P. Feigert, K. Linser, J. McCollum, J. Showalter, L. Thatcher, B. Dasher, J. Huzzar, N. Kreischer, C. Feasby, K. King, Mrs. White.

Row 2: S. Luce, J. Gribler, F. McNall, B. Sennebogen, K. Schaadt, K. Parker, J. Walters, C. Geisman, L. Loyer, K. Elston, M. L. Hoverman, J. Purmort, S. Wheeler, J. Hall, S. Poling, L. Gipe, D. Screba, M. Rager.

Row 3: S. Terry, B. Cowan, M. A. Shackley, J. Fox, B. Gilliland, M. Wierwille, L. Mohr, D. Gribler, S. Schwartz, C. Houg, J. Giesy, N. Block, A. Harrington, B. Roggenkemper, M. McCachran, M. McCracken, N. Doner.

Row 4: J. Brickner, P. Scaer, S. Wiedenmann, P. Nelson, C. Agler, T. Gamble, P. Kephart, J. Sherburn, M. A. Elder, M. L. Cryer, J. Richey, K. Kerns, N.

Hedges, A. Pennell, B. Blake, C. Flesher, G. Roebke, D. Hoffman.

Row 5: C. Brickner, R. Walker, G. Duncan, D. Gehres, R. Ley, C. Gehres, M. Droll, J. Leiter, K. Holtkamp, B. Cotterman, B. Lintermoot, J. Geisman, K. Doyle, D. Stegaman, C. Smith, S. Ziekke, S. Taylor, M. Young.  
Row 6: G. Davis, J. Wilson, S. White, L. Presler, B. Stevens, M. Bate, J. A. Baker, C. Underwood, G. Robey, B. Fell, S. Stuck, L. Wiedenmann, M. A. Makuh, J. Myers, D. Poling, D. Frysinger, W. Matthias, C. Booher, G. Crosby, B. Smith, M. Smith.

Row 7: T. Schultz, S. Wyandt, E. Monce, D. Keith, R. Pankratz, R. Fox, P. Endicott, P. Fell, B. Johnson, T. Keltner, D. Hyre, D. Jones, J. Harvey, A. Poole, S. Leiter, C. Busch, C. Thatcher, B. Bolinger, B. Hunziker, J. Ridenour.

## Latin Club

Latin Club met six times this year in the study hall at noon, with carols, Latin plays, skits, and contests among the programs presented. The May meeting is traditionally the gala Roman Banquet, where Latin students turn back the clock to Roman times for one evening.

Sophomores and upperclassmen are members of Latin Club, and also belong to the Junior Classical League, a national organization of Latin Students in public and private schools.

The officers this year are Phil Endicott and Sharyl Schwartz, consuls; Dave Hyre and Janis Richey, praetors; Bill Bolinger and Barbara Dasher, aediles; Tom Keltner, Quaestor; Lynn Loyer and Marilyn McCachran, tribunes.



Row 1: Mrs. Brooks, S. Wiedenmann, L. Mason, B. Games.

Row 2: M. Wierwille, J. Gribler, L. Moore, J. Sherburn, N. Hedges, D. DuCheney, K. Speakman, C. Bagley, K. Schaadt, S. DuVall.

Row 3: C. Kanable, M. LaLonde, F. McNall, B. Sen-

nebogen, B. Myers, D. Wilson, A. Pennell, J. Straley, S. Edwards.

Row 4: R. Holbrook, S. Zielke, C. Terry, B. Shock, F. Longwell, P. Kephart, M. A. Elder, K. Tomczak, D. Lianez.

## French Club

Van Wert High School's newest organization this year is the French Club, Le Cercle de Français. The officers are Linda Mason, President; Bob Games, Vice-President; Andrea Lodge, Secretary; and Susan Weidenmann, Treasurer.

The basic aim of Le Cercle de Français is to stimulate an interest in foreign languages and to learn about the French people.

The members started the tradition of singing Christmas Carols along with the French and Latin Clubs in French and Latin.

Other programs included skits, songs, and French folk dances. Mrs. Brooks, the advisor, showed slides taken on a trip to France last summer.



Row 1: K. Stenger, L. Ma-  
son, Miss Sanford, K. Holtkamp.

Row 2: C. Houg, C. Swartz, P. Kep-  
hart, J. Gribler, B. Gilliland, D. Connors,  
M. Makuh, L. Mohr, J. McCollum, S. Poling,  
M. A. Shackley.

Row 3: K. Stittsworth, M. Stemen, K. Tomczak, D.  
DuCheney, C. Bagley, C. McMichael, C. Partin, T.  
Gamble, J. Geisman, M. Droll, S. Luce, P. Geisman,  
D. Wilson, D. Stegaman, L. Jones, M. Saam, K. Klutka,  
V. Thatcher.

Row 4: J. Mason, G. Robey, B. Fell, J. Leiter, K. Linser,  
C. Agler, C. Hirn, B. Rowland, S. Haller, C. Greisinger,  
P. Feigert, K. Klein, M. Rics, B. Cotterman, B. Linter-  
moot, P. Kanney, D. Dull.

Row 5: C. Craig, L. Spoon, M. L. Hoverman, L. Loyer,  
K. Elston, L. Shimp, L. Moore, B. Balliet, R. Schnepf,  
C. High, P. Connell, C. Flesher, B. Blake, M. Bate, B.  
Thomas, S. Ashbaugh, P. Edsell.

Row 6: S. Burley, J. Stewart, C. Kanable, S. Zielke, G.  
Mosure, B. Dasher, E. Rohn, E. Thomas, L. Van Wormer,  
B. Sennebogen, F. McNall, K. Doyle, B. Beckler, K.  
Hipsley, J. Pate, B. Camp.

Row 7: S. Burley, N. Good,  
R. Chavarria, S. Giesman, S.  
Webster, D. Serba, M. Coyle, B.  
Elder, S. McMillan, C. Harrington, J. A.  
Baker, C. Underwood, S. Stuck, P. Warder,  
J. Branfield, J. Baker, C. Myers.

Row 8: C. Oswald, E. Rinard, W. McDonald, J. Fire-  
stone, C. Crow, E. Hertle, J. Hazzar, K. Schaadt, K.  
Secaur, C. Winters, J. Purmort, J. Hall, C. Smith, M.  
Marsh, S. Sterrett, E. Edwards, D. Allen, M. LaLonde,  
K. Parker, J. Richey, K. King.

Row 9: N. Black, A. Harrington, B. Roggenkemper, A.  
Habitzel, B. Wilkins, K. Runion, L. Knittle, R. Jones,  
J. Walters, B. Roggenkemper, K. Laemmle, L. Rolston,  
K. Briggs, D. Bowersock, J. Droll, C. Weahage, D.  
Sealscott, M. Miller.

Row 10: C. Gipe, E. Henney, J. Showalter, L. Thatcher,  
N. Plfum, P. Rice, N. Truax, L. Sheets, D. Ringwald,  
M. McVay, K. Girod, S. Prichard, L. McNeal, S.  
Jerome.

Row 11: K. Emery, S. Harrington, B. Cotterman, J.  
Agler, J. Roberts, N. Carter, S. Dougal.

President—Sandra McKeddie  
Vice Pres.—Kathy Holtkamp

G.A.A.

Secretary—Karen Stenger  
Treasurer—Linda Mason

G. A. A. has been designed to promote a higher level of sportsmanship and variety in athletic participation among its members. It is open to all high school girls and is one of Van Wert High's largest organizations.

The girls form basketball, softball, volleyball and bowling teams giving them a sense of good sportsmanship and competition.

Activities through the school year include banquets for the athletic teams, a dance, decorating the Christmas tree, donating food to needy families and an annual senior camping trip. Our advisor is Miss Sanford.

# Willing Workers



Industrious Seniors met in the evenings to plan the Excilbur.



Junior Achievement helps broaden the upperclassmen's understanding of the business world.



The Juniors work hard to raise money for Prom.

Dr. Wilkin explains veterinary medicine to interested students on Career Day.





## Gettin'



Only Juniors and past Juniors know the hard work, worries and headaches that go into making Prom Night a very, very special night for the Seniors. After many money-making projects, such as auctioning cakes, coat checks, bake sales, dances, and movies; the many nights spent planning Prom; the advertising, making announcements and posters; trying to encourage the boys to get their dates early; the selling of tickets; the many late hours spent decorating; and then everyone getting ready themselves . . . Prom begins.



## Ready





# SAYONARA

The 1962 Prom was given the theme of "SAYONARA," which in Chinese means "good-by." It was a very beautiful and fitting setting. The centerpiece was a large black and gold pagoda, and the walls carried out the oriental theme with Chinese lanterns surrounding the gym. The Prom colors were light and dark blue.

The music was provided by the A1 Best Combo. After the traditional Grand March led by the Junior and Senior class officers, speeches were made by Tom Bebout, Junior class President, and Tom Poling, Senior class President. Refreshments were then served, and the evening was completed by more dancing.





## After



After getting out of their fancy duds, the real fun and good times of Prom night began. The Post-Prom party organized by interested parents and several service clubs followed the dance. The many tired, but happy, boys and girls enjoyed bowling, swimming, dancing, games, and other countless parties. Of course at all these affairs there was always plenty of good food provided for all the kids to keep them going.

After a most memorable night full of dancing and loads of good times, many sleepy boys and girls traveled home to Dreamland.



## Prom

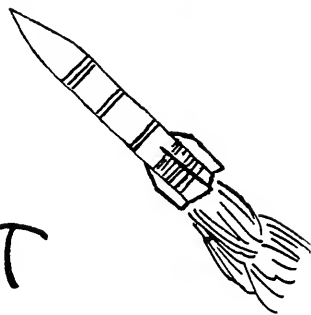






Frank Longwell, Mary Ann Shackley, and Charles Busch receive Elks' Awards for leadership and scholarship.

# MOON SHOT



Allen Crosby and Marsha Tomczak received awards as the Best Dancers of the evening.



"Moon Shot" was the theme chosen by the B.P.O.E. for their annual year's-end dance to honor the seniors of Van Wert County high schools. Stars, a rocket and moon, along with balloons and clouds, were the lovely decorations.

Refreshments were served by members of the Elks, and music was provided by a very fine band, the Karl Beach Orchestra. During the intermission the awards which go each year to top students in the area were presented to Frank Longwell, youth leadership; Mary Ann Shackley, scholarship; and Charles Busch, scholarship. Also at this time awards were made to Allen Crosby and Marsha Tomczak for best dancers.



Wear a bow to catch a beau.



Blouses by Ben Casey a Liz Taylor.



The "twist" no one could resist.



## Fads of



Trench coats for everyone.



For Guys—Warm and Wooly.



Fashioned for cars.

These are the fads of Van Wert High School. They could be titled the "Fads of the Early 60's" in the history books of Fashion. Some are brand-new, some are "in" while others are going "out."

A few will become lasting fashions; the rest will never be any more than passing fancies. Fads, like the world we live in, comes and goes in a hurry.

Many say our fashions of today are taken from the "Roaring Twenties" and many fashions go back as far as the Stone Age. How many times have we heard our parents say, "Why, I wore that when I was a kid!"

The fads of the past four years are too numerous to show all of them, but as you look at



Going steady—a fad that lasted.



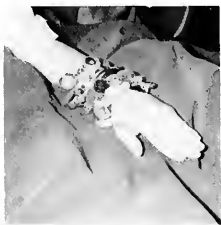
For Gals—Fair and Furry.

these, others, such as chemise vests, crew necks, french twists, paisley shirts, tear drop necklaces, page boys, continentals, flat tops, roll-up sleeve blouses, button down collars, trapizes, black hose, leotards, blazers, desert boots, Perry Como sweaters, knee socks and knits, v neck sweaters, headache bands, car coats, tycora sweaters, pointed toes, princetons, corduroy suits, fuzzy ear-muffs, the shag and many many more will come to mind.

Many of the fads are "in" others are "out" while still others hang around and come back year after year. Fads! Fads! What would we do without them?



## Van Wert High



Bracelets—Bangles, dangle, and jangle.



Corduroy in triplicate.



We were chained to these for a while.

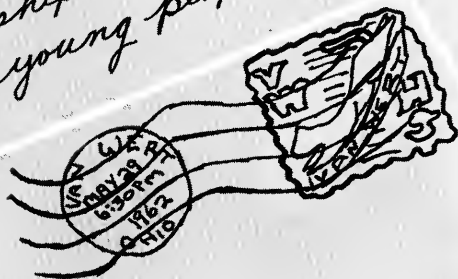


Pegs n' Pleats.



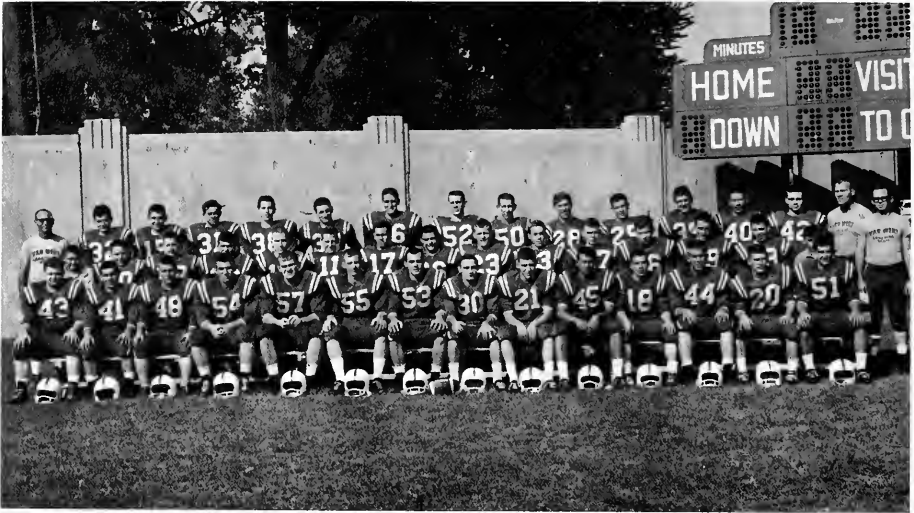
Van Wert High School  
Excalibur Staff

Sports is a very active part of high school life. It challenges the student to strive to develop his best abilities. By participating in sports, students have the opportunity of developing personality and making new friendships, by meeting other young people.



Sports

# Goal-Getters



Row 1: Ron Hartman, Dave Gunsett, Mike Knodel, Gary Hammond, Joe McCoy, Jack Smith, Jim Ferrell, Ron Walters, Bob Leonard, Chuck Busch, Carl Brown, Jim Bell, Phil Giessler, Tom Poling  
Row 2: Ray Waldron, Mike Smith, Danny Gribler, Ron Ley, Larry Lynch, Keith Harmon, J. C. Ford, Tom Waldron, Bruce Butler, Gary Crosby, John Rie-

denour, Stan Hartman, Art Williams, Bill Bolinger, Les Coon, Mr. Kesler  
Row 3: Mr. Coon, Steve Leiter, Richard Fox, Benny Agler, Gary Gribler, Terry Geething, Tim Rolsten, Dave Keith, Rex Pankratz, Tom Bebout, Vaughn Ferrell, Tom Tindall, John Tindall, Robert Marvin, Mr. Klutka

In August, Forty-five boys reported to Yuca Flats for football practice. Any misconceptions these boys had about varsity football were quickly removed by the combination of the sweltering heat, five coaches and one seven-man blocking sled. After three weeks in the heat of August and several sprains, bumps and bruises, the predictions for the Western Buckeye League came out, rating the Cougars to stage a scrap for the cellar with St. Marys. After a heartbreaking opening game they came to life and conquered four straight opponents including the team then rated number one. Our Cougars were in the race for the league crown all the way, and it took an outstanding effort by a truly great Coldwater team to finally overcome our boys.

Varsity football teaches each member to take and give orders, to carry out an assignment, and most of all, to take as well as give. No one

knows you better than your teammate. He sees you in every mood, knows your weaknesses and your virtues. The game of football prepares you for the game of life in a way nothing else can. You enter in August as a boy and leave in November as a man.



	VW	OPP
Delphos St. John	0	6
Bryan	50	14
Defiance	22	8
Kenton	18	14
Shawnee	14	12
Wapakoneta	0	6
St. Marys	28	8
Celina	22	8
Bellefontaine	30	20
Coldwater	0	12



"Come On Carl—We Need That Touchdown!"



"Hey! You're In My Way!"



"Cold Fellows? Aw-w-w!"

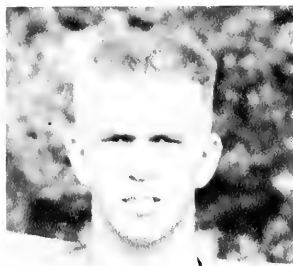


"Patty Cake—Patty Cake"

# Letter-Getters

110 %

Our school has a very exclusive club, the 110% Club, to which only the boys who have received exceptional praise from the coach can belong. This is an achievement for as you know, getting praise from a coach is like squeezing blood from a turnip.



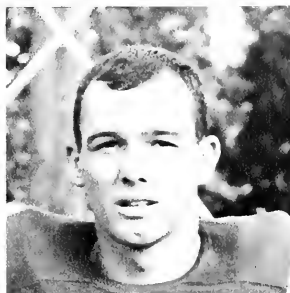
Jim Bell  
Tackle



Carl Brown  
Halfback



Charles Busch  
Center  
Co-Captain  
First team All League  
First team All Area



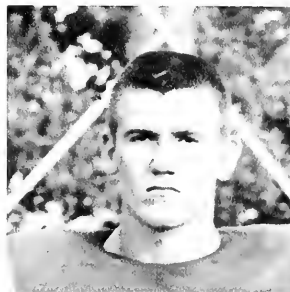
Jim Ferrell  
End  
Honorable Mention All League



Phil Giessler  
Quarterback



Dave Gunsett  
Guard



Gary Hammond  
Tackle  
First team All League  
Outstanding Lineman

## League

At the conclusion of the season, the coaches of the teams in the Western Buckeye League meet to select the boys who were best in the League. This is the highest honor offered. We feel honored that our Cougars placed three men on the All League Team: first string—Joe McCoy, Gary Hammond, and



## Club

To receive this nomination, the boys must put forth outstanding effort. Being nominated for three games automatically makes him a lifetime member and a red star is placed on his helmet which he keeps after graduation. This is the highest praise a coach can offer.



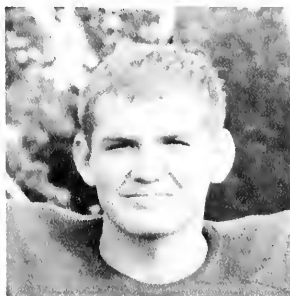
Ronnie Hartman  
Tackle



Mike Knodel  
Guard



Bob Leonard  
Halfback  
Outstanding Back



Joe McCoy  
Tackle  
First team All League  
Third team All Area



Tom Poling  
End  
Co-Captain  
Honorable Mention All League

## Awards

Charles Busch; and two received honorable mention: Tom Poling and Jim Ferrell.

The sportswriters choose an all area team: First string—Charles Busch; Third string—Joe McCoy; honorable mention—Gary Hammond, Tom Poling, and Jim Ferrell.



Ronnie Walters  
Halfback

Not Pictured:

Dave Lianez  
Tackle

Jack Smith  
End



"Cold Noses And Cougar Noise."

## Managers

The managers, who never missed practice, kept the team supplied with bandages and encouragement. You saw Les Coon and Ray Waldron on the field during a time-out, cleaning mud off cleats and carrying towels. The team thanks them for a job well done.



## Coaches

For three months the boys place themselves in the capable hands of our coaching staff to learn the techniques of football. In the hot, sultry summer practices, they sometimes appear much like fire-breathing dragons as they shout "Push yourself, you're not tired yet!" "Take two laps to get warmed up." But the boys soon realize this is done for their good and the good of the team. There are no persons respected or admired more than Coach Coon, Coach Klutka, and Coach Kesler.



"I Got It—No I Got It"



"Say Uncle"



Standing: Coach Brazen, Eric Monce, John Harvey, Gary Hammond, Jim Ferrell, Denny Fawcett, Chuck Busch, Manager John Diener.

Kneeling: Larry Mengerink, Gayle Ashbaugh, Gig Davis, Jim Straley, Denny Knittle.

## Varsity Basketball

	VW Opp			VW Opp	
Bryan .....	52	55	Defiance .....	53	74
Delphos .....	57	63	Wapakoneta .....	61	73
Elida .....	62	66	St. Marys .....	52	55
Lima CC .....	49	63	Decatur .....	58	87
Defiance .....	43	79	Celina .....	56	41
Kenton .....	47	72	Fairview .....	59	61
Fairview .....	47	57	Bellefontaine .....	63	64
Lima Shawnee .....	45	52	Coldwater .....	59	77

VW Opp

(tournament) Defiance .... 32 72



Jim Ferrell



Chuck Busch



Jim Straley

This was not one of our better basketball seasons, to say the least, but we were still very proud of our team's efforts. Even though they won only one game of the 17 played, the team played their best each time. Several games were lost by close scores and with just a couple of breaks they could have been in the win column instead of the loss. Many underclassmen gained valuable experience this year and we know that this, combined with the fine coaching of Sam Brazen, will make next year a winning season.



Gary Hammond



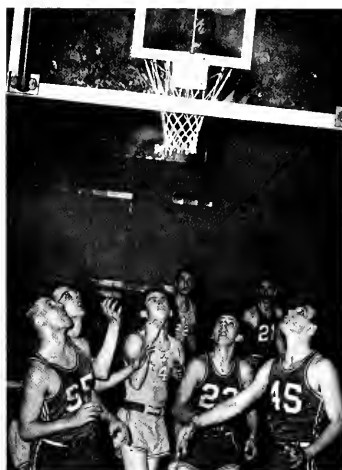
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Denny Fawcett



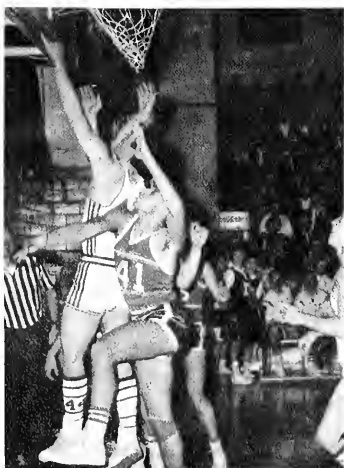
It's Mine!



It's A Bird!



Coach Brazen

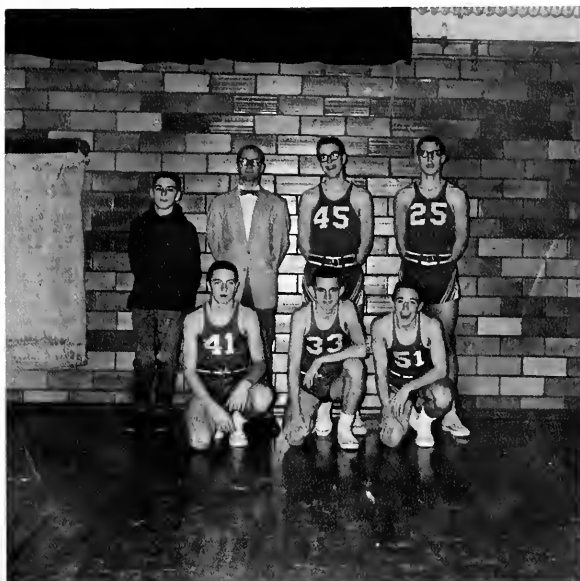


Jump Jim Jump!



Bottoms Up!

# Junior Varsity



Row 1: J. Ingman, R. Holbrook, B. Hunziker

Row 2: M. Young, Mr. Stoops, T. Keltner, J. Games

The Junior Varsity Team, coached by Mr. Stoops, posted a 4-12 record for the season of 1961-62. The four wins were over Celina, Lima Central Catholic and two over Fairview. Although the season was not a winning one, the players learned techniques which will be valuable to our future varsity team.

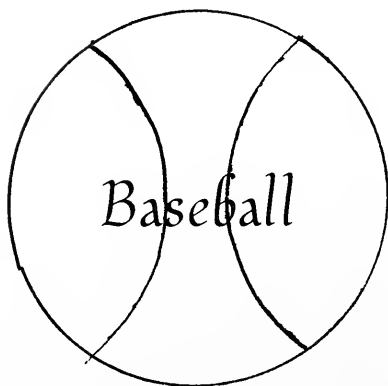


Row 1: T. Steinmetz, H. Boyd, B. Butler, V. Ferrell, M. Baltzell, D. Blackmore, R. Gardner, M. Young, T. Waldroh.

Row 2: L. Lynch, B. Hunziker, K. Harmon, J. Tindall, R. Holbrook, T. Keltner, J. Pollock, M. Knodel, Mr. Cline.

Row 3: T. Poling, T. Geething, J. Straley, J. Smith, D. Myers, B. Games, B. Leonard, J. Ferrell.

Row 4: C. Busch.



This turned out to be a very good year for Coach Cline and his baseball team as they won the Western Division or League Championship with a record of 11 wins and 4 losses. This was the first year that the Western Buckeye League has been divided into the Eastern and Western divisions. This was done to cut down the miles consumed in travel. There are four teams in each division, and each team is played twice during the regular season. At the end of the season a best-of-three game playoff is staged between the two teams with the best record in each division. The Seniors participating in these games were Charles Busch, Jim Ferrell, Mike Knodel, Bob Leonard, Tom Poling, Jack Smith, and Jim Straley.





It always happens to me.



You're out!!



Way out there . . .

This is the life.



You said what?!!





Cumin' high!

# I N T R A M U R A L S

The intra-mural basketball season lasted from December 5, 1961, to March 15, 1962. There were six teams participating in the action, and every game was exciting to the finish. The Slop Shots placed first with a perfect record of ten wins and no losses, although some of their games were mighty close. Mr. Klutka was in charge of the action again this year and did a fine job as always.

Where is that ball?



# Mixed Bowling



For the second year a group of athletically inclined students organized a bowling league independent of school activities. The group meets on Monday night during the summer and helps everyone keep in contact during the vacation months.



Row 1: Jill McCollum, Connie Bagley, Judy Gribler.  
Row 2: Mary Wierwille, Donna DuCheney, Mary Rager.

## Varsity Cheerleaders

Pep, energy, enthusiasm; these are the elements that make up a good cheerleader. For the last two years we have had the opportunity of going to training camp for cheerleaders, where sore muscles were the order of the day.

Cheerleading is hard work but it is also a very rewarding experience. It develops leadership and offers an opportunity to meet many wonderful people. We have had our rough games but we wouldn't give up a minute of it. The seniors would like to thank the students for their cooperation in the past years. Students, keep yelling your "Battle Cry."

Our four Senior Cheerleaders are  
Judy Gribler, Connie Bagley, Mary Wierwille, Donna DuCheney.



## Reserve



Cheryl Houg, Sharyl Schwartz, Julie Droll,  
Brenda Gilliland, Kathy Briggs, Karen Elston

To be a reserve cheerleader is really a privilege and opportunity for any girl who is willing to give her time and effort for the support of the team. Being a cheerleader, a girl learns to take responsibility and also to exercise and develop her leadership ability. By participating in this activity she becomes better prepared for the future. Cheerleading not only develops character and personality, but it also is an honor to represent Van Wert High School.

Karen Elston, Kathy Briggs, Brenda Gilliland,  
Julie Droll, Sharyl Schwartz, Cheryl Houg

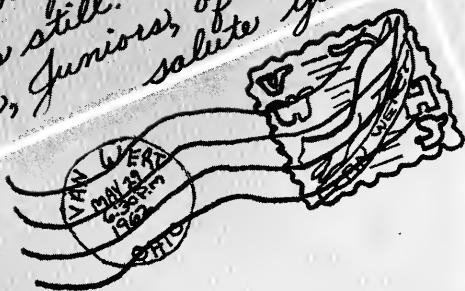


## Cheerleaders



Van Wert High School  
Excalibur Staff

Classes! Classes! Since 1871  
they have come and gone. All sorts of  
students, all shapes and sizes have  
worked walls. Many have played within these  
great deeds, while others have led  
the quiet lives of working citizens,  
raising families, attending church,  
and serving their fellow men.  
So it is still. Freshmen, Sopho-  
mores, Juniors, of 1962, we  
salute you.



Classes

# Juniors



President  
Tom Bebout

After traveling the road of a Greenie and advancing to the path of a sophomore, we step on higher ground . . . the road of a Junior. As we start we look forward to the Prom, class rings, and just being an upperclassman. As most drivers know, even the best roads have a few bumps and several sharp turns. We did hit a few bumps, too, money for Prom, which class ring to choose, and many others. Although the road is bumpy at spots, most of the way is smooth, and we travel on very happily. Soon we'll reach the last bend and turn the last corner, and start to look forward to the complex journey of seniors, but we'll always remember . . . the road of a Junior.

Vice-President  
Patsy Feigert



Secretary  
Billie Cotterman



Treasurer  
Nancy Doner







AGLER, CHERYL  
AMWEG, DON



ANDERSON, KAREN  
BAGLEY, BILL



BALDWIN, STEVE  
BALLIET, BARBARA  
BEBOUT, TOM



BRICKNER, CHARLES  
BRICKNER, JIM  
BRIZENDINE, SALLY



We prepare to enter our days as upper  
classmen.



BROERMAN, DONNA  
CARTER, TOM  
CLINE, ANDREA  
CLOUSE, TONY  
COBB, RON



COLEMAN, RON  
CONNELL, PAT  
COTTERMAN, BILLIE  
COWAN, BRENDA  
CROSLEY, KAY



CRYER, MARLOU  
DEMPSEY, JOHNETTE  
DEINER, JOHN  
DONER, GARY  
DONER, NANCY



DROLL, MARCIA  
DUNCAN, GARY  
EDWARDS, STAN  
FEASBY, SHARON  
FEATHEROFF, BRAD





We hurry ...

FEIGERT, PAT  
FELL, BEVERLY



FONT, NANCY  
FOX, JACKIE  
FRAKER, CHERYL



FRANCIS, LARRY  
FREISNER, TED  
FRYSINGER, JACK



GALLAWAY, JERRY  
GAMES, BOB  
GEETHING, TERRY



GEISMAN, JUDY  
GERMANN, SALLY  
GREISINGER, CAROL  
GRIBLER, DONNA  
GRIBLER, GARY



GRUBB, JOHN  
GRUBB, LARRY  
HALLER, SUSAN  
HARROW, LOIS  
HARVEY, JOHN



HEATH, VICKEY  
HERRING, PAUL  
HIRN, CARLA  
HOGHE, TIM  
HOLTkamp, KATHY



HOLTSBERRY, SHERRILL  
JONES, PHIL  
JONES, RICHARD  
JONES, WILLIAM  
KEITH, DAVE





KESLER, JOHN  
KLEIN, KAREN  
KNITTLE, DENNIS  
KYLE, JUDY  
LAMPERT, GRACE



LANGDON, CHARLES  
LEITER, JUDY  
LINSER, KAREN  
LINTERMOOT, BARBARA  
LIPPI, DON



LONG, MIKE  
MCCRACKEN, MARCIA  
MAKUH, MARY ANN  
MATTHIAS, WENDELL  
MENDERINK, ROGER



MERCER, MAX  
MOHR, LINDA  
MONCE, ERIC  
MOORE, LINDA  
NELSON, PAT



O'BRYANT, NANCY  
OVERHOLT, CHARLES  
PANKRATZ, REX



PARTIN, CHERYL  
RAGAN, STEVE  
RAGER, MARY



RAWLINGS, DICK  
RIES, MARJORIE  
RIGGS, GARY



ROBEY, GAIL  
ROLSTEN, TIM

... and sometimes we goof.





Now we can drive to school.

ROWLAND, BRENDA  
SCAER, PAUL  
SCHAFFER, RICHARD



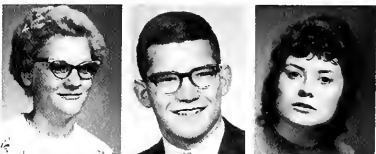
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SIDLE, DON



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SPEER, TOM  
SPRAY, SUZANNE



SPRIDGEON, JIM  
SPRY, CAROL  
STEMEN, MARCIA  
STEVENS, BRUCE  
STITTSWORTH, KAREN



SUBLER, JUDY  
TERRY, SANDRA  
THOMAS, LINDA  
TINDALL, BARBARA  
VanWORMER, LINDA



WATKINS, DAVE  
WHITAKER, MICKEY  
WILHELM, DENNIS  
WILLIAMS, LINDA  
WILLIAMS, MARJORIE



WILSON, DEBBIE  
WOODRUFF, DAVE  
ZIMMERMAN, GARY



NOT PICTURED  
DICKERHOFF, JUDY  
HOERSTEN, ALICE

# Sophomores



President  
Phil Endicott

Upon losing our honored (?) names as "Greenies," we eagerly entered our sophomore year and became upper-classmen. We chose our officers, joined organizations, proudly entered the concert choir, yelled "Battle Cry" with much more enthusiasm, and squirmishly cut up those frogs.

We were very proud to have two of our sophomore boys play on the varsity basketball team and we produced a good reserve team. We were also proud of the five sophomore girls who were elected reserve cheerleaders. Our sophomore year has been full of fun and hard work, but we are eagerly awaiting our junior year.

Vice-President  
Jill McCollum



Secretary  
Connie Winters



Treasurer  
Cheryl Houg



AGLER, BENNY  
 AGLER, LARRY  
 ALLEN, DEANNA  
 ARMY, MIKE  
 AXE, JIM  
 BAKER, JANE ANN



BATE, MARSHA  
 BATES, ROGER  
 BEAGLE, JERALEE  
 BELL, BETTY  
 BENNER, SUSAN  
 BIRD, RICHARD



BLANKE, ROLLAND  
 BLOCK, NANCY  
 BOLEY, JACK  
 BOLINGER, BILL  
 BOOHER, CARL  
 BREESE, DENISE



BROWN, SAM  
 BURK, WILLIAM  
 CHAVARRIA, BECKY  
 CONLEY, JOHN  
 CONLEY, SANDRA  
 COOPER, PAT



We study harder . . .



COYLE, MARY  
 COYLE, STEVE  
 CROSBY, GARY



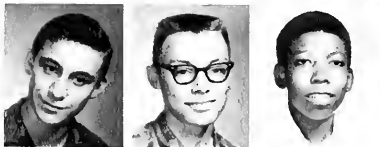
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 DAILEY, CHERYL



DASHER, BARBARA  
 DAVIS, GARY LEE  
 DAVIS, GARY LEWIS



DEMPSEY, DON  
 DUVAL, BOB  
 EDDINS, WILLIE





... and take more tests.

ELDER, BETTY  
ELSTON, KAREN  
EMERY, KATHERN



ENDICOTT, PHIL  
FEASBY, CAROL  
FELL, PHIL



FORD, J. C.  
FOX, RICHARD  
FRYSINGER, RICHARD



GAIR, CHRIS  
GEHRES, CHARLES  
GEISMAN, CHERYL



GERMANN, DELORES  
GIESEY, JANICE  
GILLILAND, BRENDA  
GIPE, CAROLYN  
GIPE, LINDA  
GRIBLER, DAN



GRUBB, RON  
HAINES, BOB  
HALL, JANE  
HARMON, JUANITA  
HARMON, KEITH  
HARRINGTON, ANGELINE



HARRINGTON, CHRISTINA  
HARTMAN, STAN  
HASSELWORTH, JIM  
HECKERT, JANE  
HENNEY, ELLEN  
HENNIS, RON



HERTEL, ELLEN  
HIPSLEY, MIKE  
HOFMANN, DELORES  
HOLBROOK, ROGER  
HOOK, LINDA  
HOOKER, JULIA





HOUG, CHERYL  
HOVERMAN, BRUCE  
HOVERMAN, KAY



HOVERMAN, MARY LOU  
HUBART, JANET  
HUMPHREYS, JEAN



HUNZIKER, BOB  
HUZZAR, JOYCE  
HYRE, DAVID



INGMAN, JOHN  
JACKSON, JERRY  
JOHNS, TERRY



They call us silly Sophomores . . .



JOHNSON, BILL  
KELTNER, TOM  
KERNS, KAROL  
KESLER, LINDA  
KING, KAREN  
KREISCHER, NANCY



KRICK, RUSSEL  
KYLE, DAVID  
LAEMMLE, KARLA  
LAKE, ALICE  
LEITER, STEVE  
LEY, LYNNE



LEY, RONALD  
LOUTH, MIKE  
LOYER, LYNN  
LYNCH, LARRY  
MCCACHRAN, MARILYN  
MCCOLLUM, JILL



MCCOLLUM, LINDA  
MCDOWELL, JIM  
MCMILLEN, STEVE  
MCMILLEN, SUE  
MARSHALL, JOHN  
MARVIN, ROBERT



MENGERINK, LARRY  
MERKLE, MILDRED  
MILLER, LARRY  
MILLER, MARY ANN  
MOSIER, JIM  
MOSURE, GLORIA



MYRES, DENNY  
MYRES, JIM  
PARKER, KAREN  
PHENEGER, BRUCE  
POLING, DALE  
POLING, SUSAN



POLLOCK, JERRY  
PONTIUS, DICK  
POOLE, ANDREW  
POPPE, DON  
PRICE, SHARON  
PRITCHARD, SUE



PURKEYPILE, ALLAN  
PURMORT, JOYCE  
RADCLIFFE, SHARON  
RICHEY, JANIS  
RIDENOUR, JOHN  
ROBERTS, JERRY



ROBINSON, ROGER  
ROEBKE, GRETCHEN  
ROGERS, STEVE



... maybe we are.

ROGERS, TERRY  
ROGGENKEMPER, B.  
ROHR, ELAINE



SAMPSEL, J. B.  
SCERBA, DOLORES  
SCHAFFNER, DAN



SCHNEPP, BEV  
SCHULTZ, TOM  
SCHWARTZ, SHARYL





We find Biology very interesting.

SEALSCOTT, DONNA  
SHELL, RON



SHOBE, RICHARD  
SHOWALTER, BARBARA



SHOWALTER, JILL  
SLUTERBECK, KAY  
SMITH, MIKE



SMITH, BILL  
SNYDER, SY  
STEVENS, RICHARD



STORIE, NANCY  
STUCK, SUSAN  
TAYLOR, SUSAN  
THATCHER, LINDA  
THATCHER, VIRGINIS  
THOMAS, BETH



THOMAS, ELAINE  
TINDALL, JOHN  
UNDERWOOD, SHERYL  
Van AUDDALL, ROBERT  
WAGONROD, RON  
WALDRON, TOM



WALKER, ROGER  
WALTERS, JERRY  
WATSON, MARY  
WEBSTER, SHARON  
WHEELER, SHARON  
WIEDENMANN, LOIS



WILLIAMS, ART  
WILSON, JIM  
WINTERS, CONNIE  
WOLFORD, RICHARD  
YEARLING, SHARON  
YOUNG, MIKE



# Freshmen



President  
Stan Kephart

As we, the freshmen, entered high school life, we were caught up in a whirl of confusion that will not let up until we graduate. We found in high school a true sense of belonging. We played football, basketball, and baseball; we went to our first formal dance, the Snowball; we went to all football and basketball games and tried to out yell the seniors on "Battle Cry" but never quite succeeded. We selected officers, selected our Homecoming attendant, joined clubs, forgot where we were assigned to sit in study hall, got sent up stairs to a wrong room by a senior. We were confused as to which way to go in the halls. We tracked through the mud of our once beautiful campus (now a memory), we struggled through our exams in Algebra, Science, Latin, French, English, Math, Social Studies, everything! This, in all, was our great freshman year.

Vice-President  
Vaughn Ferrell



Secretary  
Karen Laemmle



Treasurer  
Linda Knittle



AGLER, JEAN  
ALBRIGHT, ROBERT  
ALCANTER, RAMONA  
ANDERSON, NANCY  
ASHBAUGH, SUSAN  
BAER, DON



BAKER, JUDITH  
BALTZELL, MIKE  
BANDY, LYNN  
BEYER, SHARON  
BLACKMORE, DON  
BOWERSOCK, DARLA



BOYD, HAROLD  
BRABANT, KAREN  
BRANFIELD, JANE  
BREWER, JUDY  
BRIGGS, KATHY  
BROWN, DAN



BURK, DEE  
BURKHEINER, CLOYD  
BURLEY, SANDRA  
BURLEY, SHIRLEY  
BUTLER, BRUCE  
CAMP, BEVERLY



Although some of them are late, the freshmen arrive at V.W.H.S.

CARTER, NANCY  
CHAVARRIA, YNASIC  
CHEEK, ROBERT



CLARK, BONNIE  
CLAY, LINDA  
CLOUSE, CAROLE



COMPTON, TOM  
CONN, LYNNETTE  
CONNERS, DEDE



COTTERMAN, BOBBIE  
COUTS, ROBERT





CRAIG, CAROL  
CROSLEY, GARY



DANGLER, ROGER  
DAVIS, DY ANN  
DEMINT, RICHARD



DETWILER, JOYCE  
DIRHAM, HEATHER  
DONNELL, NANCY



DOUGLAS, DOROTHY  
DOUGAL, SHARON  
DRAKE, MARILYN



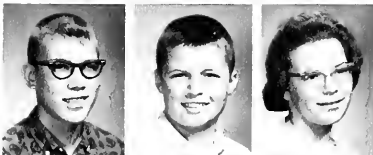
Whoops! the wrong class again?



DROLL, JULIE  
DULL, DEBORAH  
DULL, DONNA  
DUNNO, DOUGLAS  
EALY, PHIL  
EBERLE, CHARLES



EDSALL, PAT  
EVERSOLE, LINDA  
FAILS, BILL  
FALLER, JOHN  
FEATHEROFF, CONNIE  
FERRELL, VAUGHN



FIRESTONE, JOYCE  
FOREMAN, TERRY  
GABLE, DAVID  
GAMES, JOHN  
GARDNER, RANDY  
GEAHLIN, RUTH



GELP, NANCY  
GIROD, KAREN  
GOOD, NANCY  
GRANDSTAFF, RICHARD  
HABLITZEL, ANN  
HAINES, SANDRA



HALLER, DON  
HAMMOND, ROSEMARY



HARDEN, GREG  
HARMON, CAROL  
HARRINGTON, SUSAN



HARVEY, ROY  
HAWK, BILL  
HECKMAN, LESLIE



HEIGHT, PENNY  
HENKLE, DENNIS  
HERRING, CHARLES



G.A.A. Induction, an impressive service.



HIRSCHY, SCOTTIE  
HOERSTEN, BILL  
HOLBROOK, CAROL  
HOLTSBERRY, EDDIE  
HORINE, DAVID  
HUFFORD, CHERYL



HURLEY, JOSEPHINE  
JACKSON, JIM  
JEROME, SANDRA  
JOHNS, CARL  
JOHNSON, BARBARA  
JONES, LINDA



JONES, MICHAEL  
JONES, RACHEAL  
KANNEY, PAM  
KEPHART, STAN  
KINKLE, JEFFERY  
KLAUSING, ROBERT



KLUTKA, KERRY  
KNITTLE, LINDA  
KREISCHER, SHARON  
LAEMMLE, KAREN  
LAPE, JOHN  
LAUDICK, LARRY

LEE, LARRY  
 LEHMAN, CHERYL  
 LEITER, JILL  
 LIANEZ, JUDY  
 LONGSWORTH, CLIFFORD  
 LONGSWORTH, GERALDINE



McCLELLAN, LINDA  
 McCOY, MIKE  
 McCOY, PATRICIA  
 McCOY, TRUDY  
 McNEAL, LINDA  
 McVAY, MARY



MASON, JANICE  
 MATTHEWS, RICKEY  
 MAXIM, DALE  
 MAY, PATRICIA  
 MEFFORD, SHARON  
 MERCER, RICHARD



METZGER, LINDA  
 MILLER, CAROLYN  
 MILLER, HAROLD  
 MILLER, JAMES  
 MILLER, ROBERT  
 MILLER, TIM



Hum, I wonder if they'd bow to me.

MYERS, CAROLYN  
 MYERS, DAVID  
 MYERS, KATHLEEN



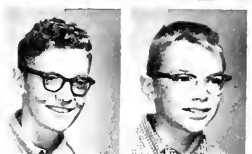
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PARSONS, PAUL  
 PATE JANICE  
 PFLUM, NANETTE



PHILLIPS, RON  
 POLING, GARY





We try hard to do our part on "Battle-Cry" . . .

POLLOCK, DENNIS  
PONTIUS, TERRY



PRITCHARD, CALVIN  
PRITCHARD, SANDRA  
PUGH, ELLEN



PURKEYPILE, GARY  
RALSTON, LINDA  
REED, CLAUDIA



REIDENBACH, ROBERT  
RICE, PEGGY  
RINARD, ELAINE



RINGWALD, DARLENE  
ROBERTS, JACKIE  
ROGGENKEMPER, BARBARA  
RUNNION, KIM  
RUSKAUP, TIM  
RUSSELL, BARBARA



SAAM, MARY  
SAYLOR, JERRY  
SHANER, RICHARD  
SHEEHAN, FRANCES  
SHEETS, LINDA  
SHOWALTER, ANITA



SMITH, BRUCE  
SMITH, TOM  
SPEAKMAN, MICKEY  
SPENCER, JIM  
SPOON, LINDA  
SPRINGER, RANDY



STEINMETZ, TONY  
STERRETT, JOHN  
STEWART, JUDY  
STOVER, SHIRLEY  
STUMP, SHARON  
SWITZER, BILLIE







SWYGART, DAVE  
TAYLOR, DONNA  
TEEPL, KAREN  
THATCHER, GARY  
THATCHER, LARRY  
THOMAS, LAYTON



TINDALL, TOM  
TRAMMELL, BARBARA  
TRUAX, NANCY  
TURNER, DAVID  
Van FLEET, SHARON  
WAGONROD, LOUISE



WALTERS, JENNY  
WARDEN, PAULA  
WARREN, JERRY  
WEEDER, MARILYN  
WEHAGE, CLORA  
WERTZ, GARY



WHITCRAFT, STEVE  
WHITE, STEVE  
WHITE, STUART  
WILHELM, KAREN  
WILKIN, BETH  
WILKINSON, CURTIS



WILLIAMS, DON  
WILLIAMN, SANDRA  
WISE, CARL

... and carry our other loads.



WOLFORD, FRED  
WOLVERTON, JERRY




WOLVERTON, MARILYN  
WOODRUFF, MARVIN



ZIELKE, LARRY

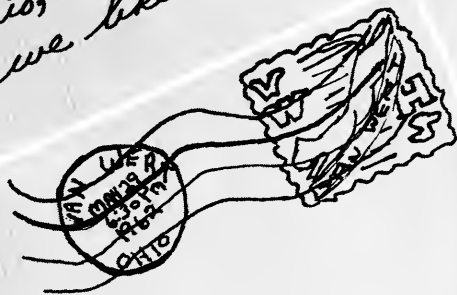






Van Wert High School  
Excalibur Staff

Van Wert? Where's  
that? This is a question  
to which we have all had  
to become accustomed.  
But although its not  
the best-known town  
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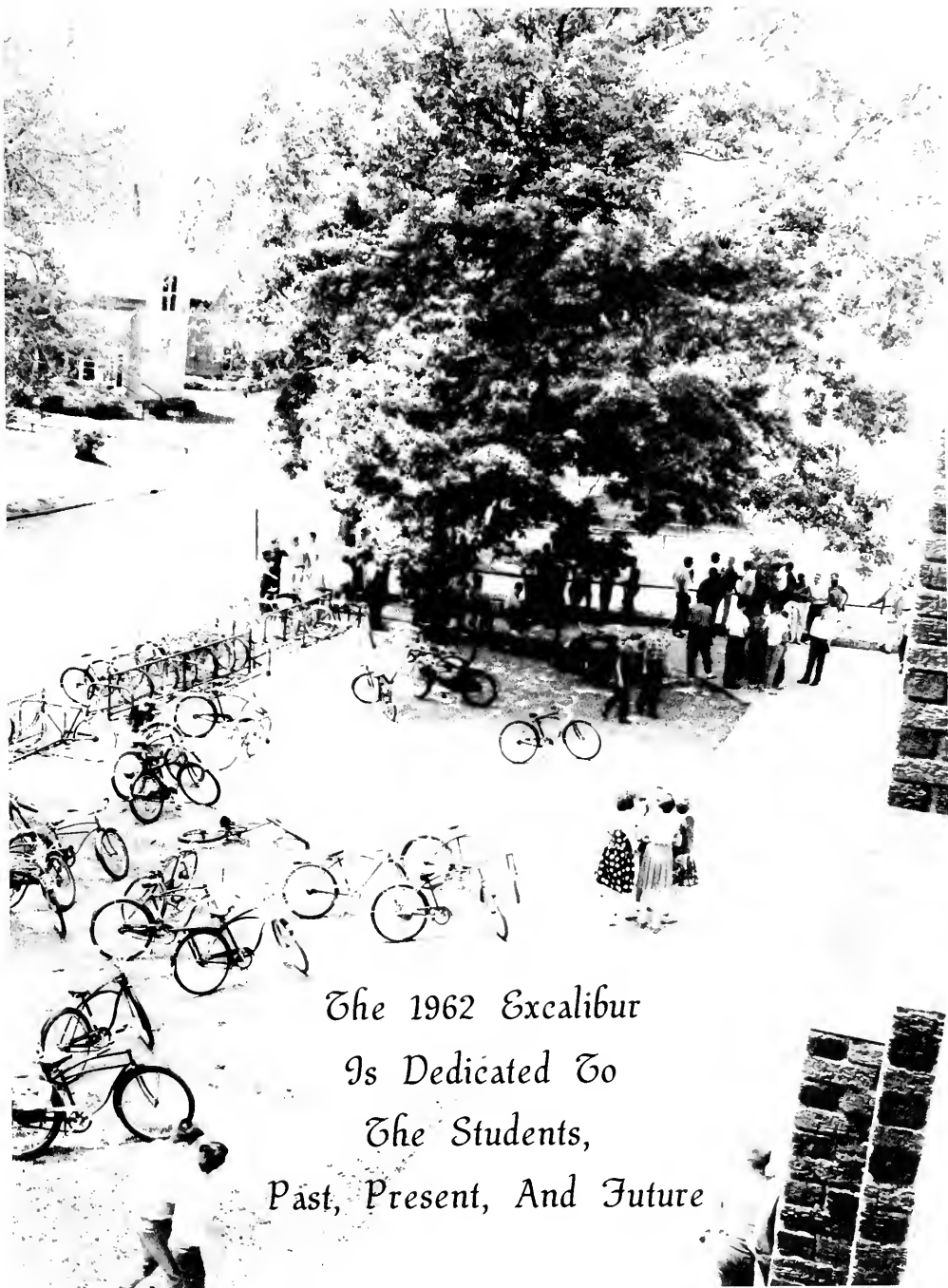
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